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**The indoor season will soon get under way. Although summer boxing has been far off color, with only a handful of major fights staged throughout the country, the outlook for the fall and winter is extremely bright. New blood has been developed in several classes, in addition to which many top ranking fighters who have shunned summer bouts because of the heat and the low attendance, are ready for action.**

**Already the Twentieth Century Sporting Club has such stars as Jake LaMotta, Ray Robinson, Tony Janiro, Tony Pellone, Gus Lesnevich, Ike Williams, Bob Montgomery and Tami Mauriello among others, listed for main events. And supplying the international touch, the fight fans are likely to see Olle Tandberg, Marcel Cerdan, Laurent Dauthuille, Luc Van Dam and a few Australian stars.**

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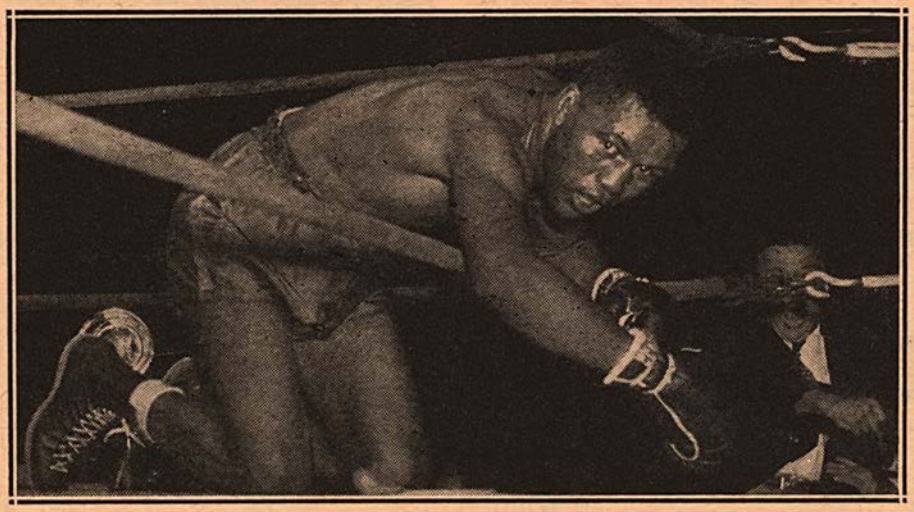
# IKE STANDS SUPREME as LIGHTWEIGHT KING

## *Williams Gains World Title by Stopping Bob Montgomery and Wins "Ring's" Championship Belt—Ring Campaign Ends Dual Titleholder*

*By* NAT FLEISCHER

UNLEASHING a murderous salvo of head punches, Ike Williams knocked out Bob Montgomery in the gigantic Municipal Stadium of Philadelphia to win the undisputed world lightweight championship and, with it, THE RING Magazine belt. The end came in 2:37 of the sixth round of a good fight before a gathering of about 30,000, who paid $178,301, the largest outdoor gate of the season.

The fight followed a two years' campaign by THE RING to get the rivals together and definitely settled the controversy. During that time the Editor refused to give world recognition to either of the title disputants despite considerable adverse criticism and attacks by partisan rooters. Montgomery had the backing of New York and Pennsylvania, while Williams, with the support of the National Boxing Association, had strengthened his claim by knocking out the British Empire champion, Ronnie James. His record speaks for itself. He has proved his right to high honors.



*From his position over the lower rope, the Bobcat got back into the ring, rested on his knees while taking the count, but got up a second too late.*

Thus, for the first time since Sammy Angott relinquished the title, late in 1942, ushering in a confusing series of eliminations and arguments, the division finally has a universally-recognized world titleholder.

At the end of the fifth round, Williams was in front on points four rounds to one on my card, but the bout had been bitterly fought.

About half the round had elapsed when Montgomery, boring forward in his typical bobbing style, crowded Williams against the ropes in Ike's corner. As Bob continued to move in, Ike suddenly whipped out a right. It caught Montgomery flush on the chin and he crashed to the canvas. At four, he started to get up, but, still groggy, decided to take advantage of the count. As he arose at nine, he ran into a veritable blizzard of flying leather.

Montgomery faced a fighter who saw red. Before him came a foe eager to prove he had been unjustly denied the right to the crown that the New York fistic fathers said belonged to the Philadelphia Fighting Bobcat, despite the fact that Williams had a better claim to the laurels. Before Bob could get out of Williams' corner where he had been dropped, an avalanche of lefts and rights came raining upon him. He was virtually smothered with punches and was taking as severe a shellacking in those few moments as had been shelled out to a claimant of the lightweight honors in many moons. The tigerish Williams gave the Philadelphian no chance to fight back.

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BIFF! Bang! Biff! Bang! came the flow of punches and each not only landed effectively but with force. The steady stream didn't give Montgomery a chance to recover. He couldn't defend himself.

Williams saw an opening, and like a flash, a right to the jaw landed with T.N.T. power and the Philadelphian was staggered. Much as did Tony Zale in the Chicago bout, Montgomery tried to protect himself by facing the ropes. His body sagged and with another hail of fistic "bullets," he instinctively drew his body across the middle strand to avoid further punishments.

But it didn't avail him any as Williams, sensing victory, went after his foe with viciousness. Another volley of lefts and

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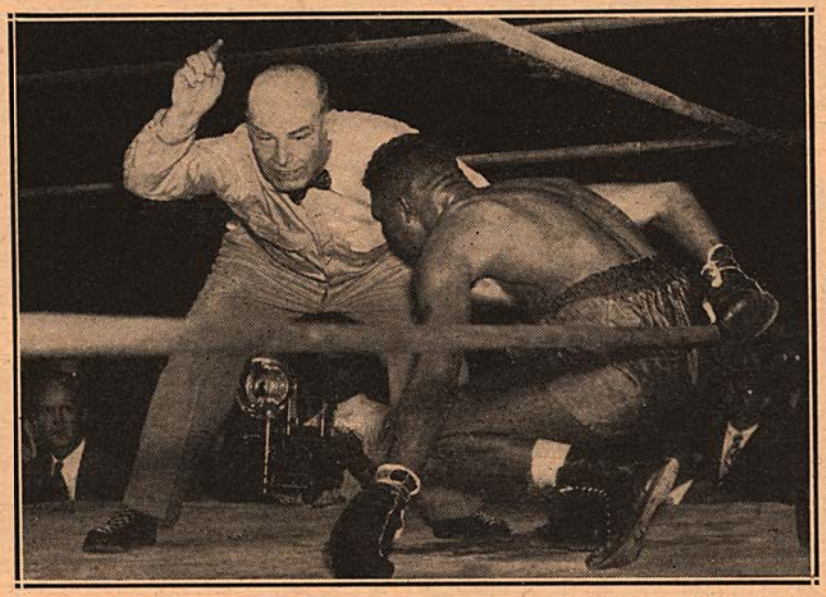


*The second knockdown of Bob Montgomery from which he couldn't rise in time to beat the count.*

# Maker of Champions

## *Passing of Billy Gibson, Who Piloted Leonard and Tunney to World Titles, Recalls Fabulous Era*

*By* DANIEL M. DANIEL

ONE BY ONE, the links between this era and the Fabulous Twenties in American boxing break off. Tex Rickard, who gave impetus to those million dollar gates, went long ago. Now he has been joined in that section of Valhalla devoted to the cognoscenti of the roped arena by Billy Gibson, the man who managed Benny Leonard into the lightweight championship and on to fame and fortune, and also piloted Gene Tunney, for whom he did a perhaps even greater job than he had performed with Benny.

Gibson did not long survive Leonard. A pity, since Billy's memoirs would have made one of the most interesting books about boxing in this country.

Billy always promised to write those recollections, but he never got to them. He died on July 21.

Much has been written about Gibson that is not true, much that could have been written about Billy has yet to be set down on paper. He was an amazing character, product of amazing times.

Gibson did not discover Leonard. He did not discover Tunney. To neither could he offer very much help once they got into the ring because he never had done any boxing himself, he was no technician. As a diplomat, as a liaison officer, he had few equals in the history of the business.

I remember the night Benny Leonard was floored by Ritchie Mitchell in the old Garden. The fight was a partial benefit for a fund to restore France, immediately after the first World War. It was in January, 1921.

* * *

I ARRIVED late and found my seat in the press box gone. Gibson called me to his corner. The main bout was about to get under way.

"Take my chair," Billy said. "I won't be needing it. This thing will be over quickly."

So I sat in Benny Leonard's corner that night, and when the lightweight champion of the world hit the canvas, I saw how a manager operates when his meal ticket is in jeopardy.

As Leonard sat on the floor, looking bewildered, Gibson kept shouting, "Take it easy, Benny! Take it easy!"

Meanwhile, Gibson was trying to check the count on a stop watch, and he barely was able to hold on to the time-piece. His hand shook, his voice vibrated with intense excitement.

Leonard rose, proceeded to give Mitchell a gorgeous shellacking, and flattened him in the sixth heat.

No, Billy did not qualify as a technician. But in the courts of the mighty, he had a lot of power, he could swing the big match.

Gibson had a terrific sense of humor. He was the prototype of an era which went out with his active participation in the management of fighters.

Bill was lavish with his money—to an extreme, to a fault. He liked the horses. He loved baseball. He was keen for golf—could hit in the 70s. And he had a hand in pro football.

At one time he owned the New York franchise in the National League. It was Billy who induced Tim Mara to go into this enterprise. That was a great day for the Maras, a great day for pro football, for the National League.

* * *

GIBSON started out as a butcher boy in his dad's shop in the Bronx. Later, Bill took over the place. Selling steaks and chops did not appeal to Bill. He said he decided to quit when he shut himself into his own ice box.

In any event, he opened a restaurant, the Clarendon, in the Bronx. There he met the leading political figures of the section.

Gibson became interested in boxing, as a promoter. He opened the Fairmont Athletic Club, which flourished in the old membership days, before the Walker Law made boxing legal in the state of New York.

At the Fairmont, Gibson had such exhibitors as Leonard, Freddy Welch, Abe Attell, Jem Driscoll, Packey McFarland, Owen Moran, Mike Gibbons, Johnny Dundee, Leach Cross, Jack Goodman — oh, everybody who was of consequence in that era.

From running a club, Gibson moved into the business of managing fighters. The Walker Law took the Fairmont's monopoly away from it. Many clubs sprang up in New York, the enterprise lost its old profits and appeal.

In Leonard, Gibson saw a future world champion. Benny's first pilot had not been able to do much for him outside New York. The New York kid needed a man with connections all over the nation.

*Billy Gibson, owner of the Fairmont A. C. in pre-Walker Law days.*

Tom McArdle and Gibson long had been friends. Leonard approached Tom after Benny decided to quit his old manager when he found he could go no farther, and through McArdle contact was made with Billy Gibson.

"Billy, I want you to take hold of this kid. He looks like a great prospect." In this way Billy became Benny's manager.

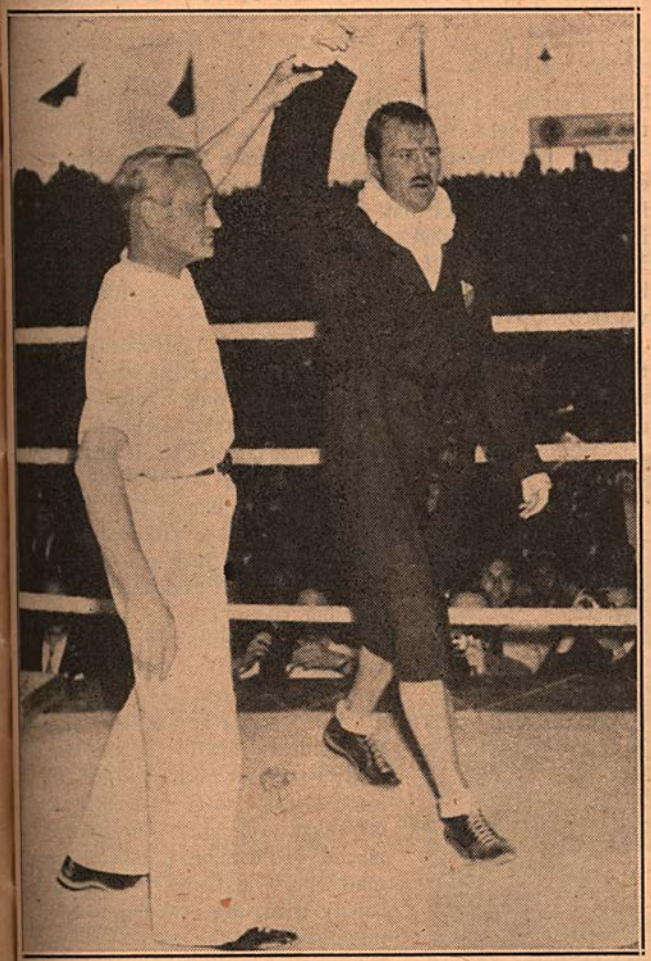
* * *

AMONG Gibson's enterprises was a two year chore as matchmaker and manager of fights in the old Garden. He did well enough for those times. No promoter of that day would dare put a $50 top on a $2 fight between ham and eggers.

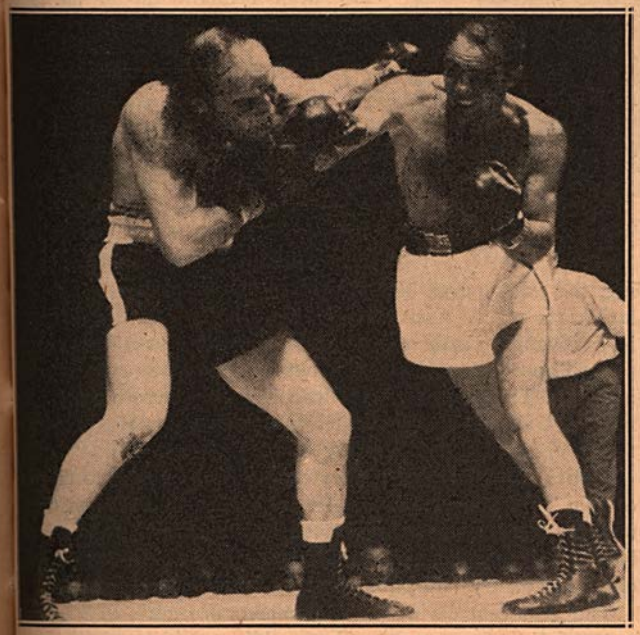
After Gibson had achieved his success with Leonard, he turned his talents to an effort to make a world heavyweight champion out of Jack Coffey, the Roscommon Giant.

Coffey, an importation from Ireland, would have done very well if Gibson hadn't made a slight error. *(Continued on page 35)*

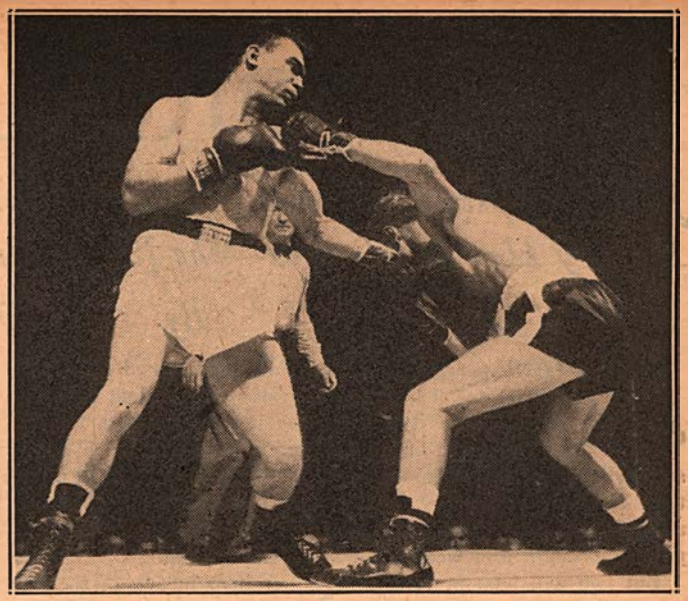
# NEWS *of the* MONTH



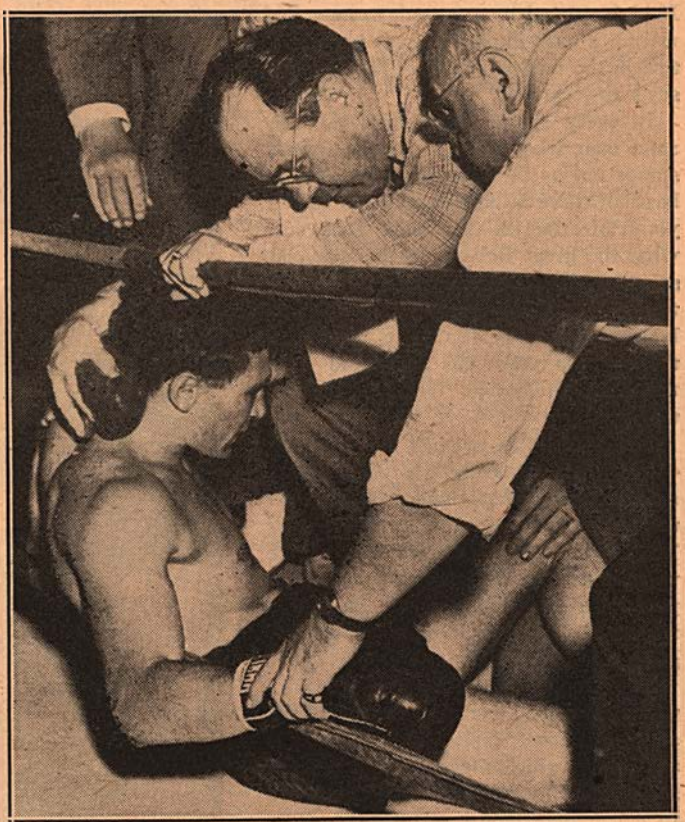
*Olle Tandberg of Sweden was an unknown figure except in Europe prior to his victory over Joe Baksi. Here the Swedish, moustached heavyweight is seen with hand raised by Referee Arthur Kock at the Rasunda Stadium in token of victory.*



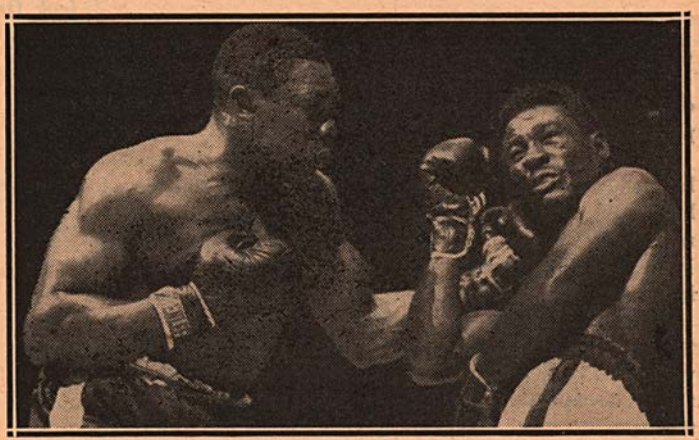
*Steve Belloise landing the right to the jaw that dropped Georgie Abrams in their bout in the Garden. It was the final punch that resulted in a knockout in the fifth.*



*How not to toss a left hook. The above should be studied carefully by Charley Fusari who lost to Eddie Giosa in a surprise defeat at Madison Square Garden.*



*The knockout of Danny Kapilow in the first round of his bout with Smuggy Hursey in Washington.*



*Elmer Ray crashes his left to the jaw of Ezzard Charles in their Garden bout, which Ray won.*

# The Typical American

## *Jack Dempsey Carries an Appeal That No Other Fighter in American Ring History Has Duplicated—the Idol of Fistiana's Popularity Greater Than Ever*

*By* NAT FLEISCHER

MANY years ago, Horatio Alger stimulated America's youth toward the treading of paths leading to eventual prosperity. An Alger hero always started off dead broke but never lost his faith in an all-overseeing Providence. Sometimes he was selling newspapers, at other times he was an office boy, but, however humble his station, strict adherence to Benjamin Franklin's maxim—"Honesty is the best policy," brought him wealth and social recognition.

But you will look in vain for a boxer hero in any of the numerous Alger narratives. The time had not yet arrived when a leather-thrower would be received in society as the welcome representative of a decent profession. Alger died too soon for that. If he had lived long enough to he would have found ample material for a most imposing "rags to riches" tale in the modern saga of Jack Dempsey's ring career.

In every sport, the decades produce some man, who, through popular appeal, stands out as the idol of his period. In baseball there is no greater hero to the youth of America than Babe Ruth and what the great Babe is to the diamond sport, Jack Dempsey is to boxing. He typifies crashing power; strength in body; physical perfection, a man who through the years has registered with the American boy as "The Idol of Fistiana."

His appeal does not halt with the boy—it is general. Only too often great sports figures lack understanding of their position, their duty to the public. They sometimes under-estimate their value in relation to the sport and its supporters or they over-estimate their own importance and their position in the general scheme of life.

Some look from an abysmal pit up to the game which nurtures them. Others assume a most deplorable, patronizing attitude in which they gaze down from self-raised Olympian heights on a sport in which they figure only because they want the money it affords them.

*Jack Dempsey*

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THE most popular man in sport—that's what Dempsey has been acclaimed. He shakes the hands of more admirers than the President! He is cheered by more people than is a king on parade!

The youth of America worships him; street gatherings stampede him when he arrives in a city on a special mission; feminine hearts flutter in his presence; a joyous acclaim greets him at every meeting he attends. He has kindliness portrayed all over his face. He enjoys the fuss made over him and would be the loneliest man in the world if he were just like any ordinary human being.

He has tasted the hisses and boos of those who, following the first world war, disliked him, as well as the nectar of popularity which has been his since he was shorn of the world heavyweight title. The world cheered him in defeat after sneering at him in victory.

Jack Dempsey, risen from a miner to the world heavyweight championship, never lost sight of those who made it possible for him to reach the heights and to attain a fortune. They were his true friends and to them he has always paid homage.

There have been champions and there are champions now in every field of athletics, but there isn't one today whose popularity is so far reaching as that of Dempsey. Wherever he goes, there is always the handshake and a cheer for the erstwhile Manassa Mauler. To the populace, he still is the king. The mob worships him. Luncheons and dinners await him in every city and hamlet where his travels take him.

Parades, meetings with high state and government officials, the signing of his autograph, two or more speeches a day, an appearance at the boys' clubs—those are only a small part of the general routine of Dempsey on trips he takes frequently to many parts of the country to aid charity drives or to aid drives against the spread of children's delinquency. How he can keep going at the pace required of him, is something only Jack can answer.

People of high rank meeting him in a dressing room, express surprise at his ease, his gentleness, his self-assurance. He has the physical power, the stamina and the endurance to keep up the pace. He has a smile and a sense of humor that endears him to all who meet him.

He is a great mixer and has absorbed a considerable amount of worldly knowledge that has enabled him to convert the mucker of the mines into a well-groomed man who is at home in a flop house, a smelly gym, the drawing room of the millionaire and the mansion of the president of the United States. He knows and can speak the language of each and can exchange repartee with the "gag men" of Hollywood with the ease of one who has been brought up in the cinema environment.

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THERE you have the picture of Jack Dempsey, the typical American, the boys' friend, the popular hero of the American youth, the man who most typifies the Horatio Alger character who always rose from "rags to riches."

In the long history of American boxing, there has never been a man to equal Jack Dempsey's popularity. He stands unrivalled—without a parallel. The great John L. Sullivan, the man who popularized boxing in America, was the nearest approach to Dempsey, but his glory was not universal as is Jack's. The masses who followed boxing were his most ardent followers and in his time, their numbers were limited compared to the gigantic fistic following of today.

Sullivan's appeal did not extend to the children to the extent of that of Dempsey. The sport in Sullivan's days was frowned upon by those who were thorough believers in law and order, but boxing today is a universal sport, legalized by almost every civilized country and patronized by the finest of citizens.

The achievements of Jack Dempsey are such, as a fighter, a successful business man and a public spirited citizen, that his name in the long run, will become almost legendary. He stands out as a fighter of the decades, a champion among champions, an

athlete who has set up a formidable mark for those who are to come.

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DEMPSEY was born in Manassa, Colorado, June 24, 1895. That puts him in the half century mark but you wouldn't guess it by looking at him. His frame has thickened with the passing of years. His avoirdupois has increased yet his figure is still that of the streamlined athlete.

He can still box a few rounds at a fast clip. In World War No. II, in which he was a Commander in the Coast Guard, though far beyond the age of the combat soldier, he took gun in hand and sided in the attack on Tarawa Beach against the Japs.

When the drive on juvenile delinquency got under way, Jack Dempsey was among the first to be called into conference by Attorney General Clark to map out plans for a national program. His importance in such a movement was immediately recognized because of the confidence and love the boys have in him. What the scout master has meant to the Scouts of America, the former world heavyweight champion means to those who have never been privileged to become members of such a national body.

Dempsey's first move was to become a life member of the New York Police Athletic League and through his influence, many of the city's leading citizens made their contribution to aid in combating the crime wave among children in the most populated districts of our cities. Boxing tournaments for the youngsters in which he and other former name boxers acted as officials, were the means of obtaining an enrollment that indicates success to the drive. Wherever he has gone to enlighten the general public on Attorney General Clark's plan, the mere mention of the name Jack Dempsey has been sufficient to obtain the presence at his meetings of men, women and children, thus making the task easy for the city fathers in gaining the confidence of the lads and the help of the grownups.

It is a gigantic task, but one that is regarded as a pleasurable one by the former heavyweight king. He gets a kick out of his meeting with the kids and from the time he arrives on the scene until he leaves, he has an army flocking about him. To keep him from getting writers' cramp in giving his autograph, Dempsey has had a lithograph company make up thousands of photographs of himself in fighting pose and to these he has affixed his signature with a stamp and he gives them away freely to the boys. It is a gift they cherish.

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JACK'S roving spirit and lust for open-air adventure, probably came of his touch of the red-man in his make-up. Thrown on his own resources as he matured from boyhood, he worked intermittently as a mucker, copper miner, lumberjack, farmer, construction digger and bouncer in dance halls and saloons.

His early travels through the West were conducted along the freight car and blind baggage route. The luxury of a Pullman or even a day coach were unknown comforts then for the future world's heavyweight champion. Today he thinks nothing of taking cross-continent air trips frequently to visit his two children, Joan and Barbara in Hollywood where he maintains a home for them.

From the beginning, Dempsey was what ring experts call a "natural" fighter. He had no scientific training. But he did possess the all important factors of a splendid physique, rugged endurance and unlimited aggressiveness to an extent seldom attained by any pugilistic product of the gymnasium schools.

Occasionally he fought a few battles for small purses, but he did not adopt boxing as a profession until he had reached his nineteenth birthday. It was around the mining camps of Colorado that he developed into a rough, tough slugger. He fought around the various camps and how slim were his earnings may be estimated from the fact that he received the modest sum of $2.50 for his first regular boxing contest in which he participated.

A far cry, indeed, from that to the big day of July 2, 1921, when his knockout of Georges Carpentier in four rounds at Boyle's Thirty Acres drew the first million dollar gate. It was through 1915 and 1916 that he began to attract the notice of the Western boxing critics. In those years he fought more than a score of bouts, stopping most of his opponents, whipping others and losing only once, a decision to Jack Downey.

COMBINED with his jobs as guest referee, Dempsey has earned more money in the ring than any fighter, past or present. He proved his magnetic power as a fistic attraction when he was an active ring participant and he has proved it since by the huge turnouts in every city he visits to act as an official for either boxing or wrestling.

He had his first fistic encounter in an improvised ring at Montrose, Colorado, where he clashed with a young blacksmith in a bout that lasted three rounds, with Jack the winner. That knockout was the forerunner of a long series that later brought him fame and fortune and made of him an international figure.

He came to New York City in the latter part of 1916, where for the first time in his wandering career, he acquired a manager, John Reisler, better known as "John the Barber." His invasion of Manhattan was a failure, for in his affair with John Lester Johnson, Dempsey suffered two broken ribs, and he didn't make much of an impression on New York's boxing critics. He didn't earn more than $250 for the three fights and "John the Barber" turned him loose.

Financially broke, thoroughly discouraged, accompanied by his brother John, he "rode the rods" to Philadelphia and when they reached the City of Brotherly Love, they had three cents between them. This they invested in three apples, the sum total of their food for two days.

As a startling study in contrasts, it is worth mentioning that when Jack next visited Philadephia, he was the possessor of two million dollars—a true "rags to riches" story.

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FROM Philadelphia Jack went back to California to try his luck and there he engaged in several fights, the outstanding one being with Gunboat Smith, the first bout in which Dempsey was managed by Jack Kearns, king of the ballyhoo artists during the million dollar days of boxing.

Back East, Kearns and Dempsey came in an effort to force the leading talent in the heavyweight division into action with his charge. He succeeded in getting Fred Fulton an opponent and in 18 seconds of the opening round, Fulton the Sepulpa Plasterer, was knocked out.

Then followed knockouts of Battling Levinsky and Porky Flynn and by this time, the New York scribes, who can make or break a fighter, had revised their opinion of the young Westerner they had so contemptuously dismissed as a false alarm when he made his debut in what O'Henry used to call, "Bagdad-on-the-Hudson."

Doc Kearns, who worked with indefatigable zeal to keep Dempsey in the journalistic spotlight, finally succeeded in getting Tex Rickard to match the Manassa Mauler with the world heavyweight king for a bout in Toledo. That was the goal for which Dempsey and Kearns had been striving for many months. The goal was reached when Dempsey stopped Willard in three rounds to win the crown. That was on the afternoon of July 4, 1919. This battle on the shores of Maumee Bay was the most dramatic of Dempsey's kaleidoscopic career, excelling in thrills, even the fight with Luis Firpo and the Long Count battle with Gene Tunney.

It was in Philadelphia on September 23, 1926, that the Manassa Mauler lost his championship to Tunney and on September 22, 1927 Jack came within a hairsbreadth of regaining his crown. Twenty years have passed since that memorable night at Soldier's Field and during those two decades, probably no fight has been the subject of conversation more than this one.

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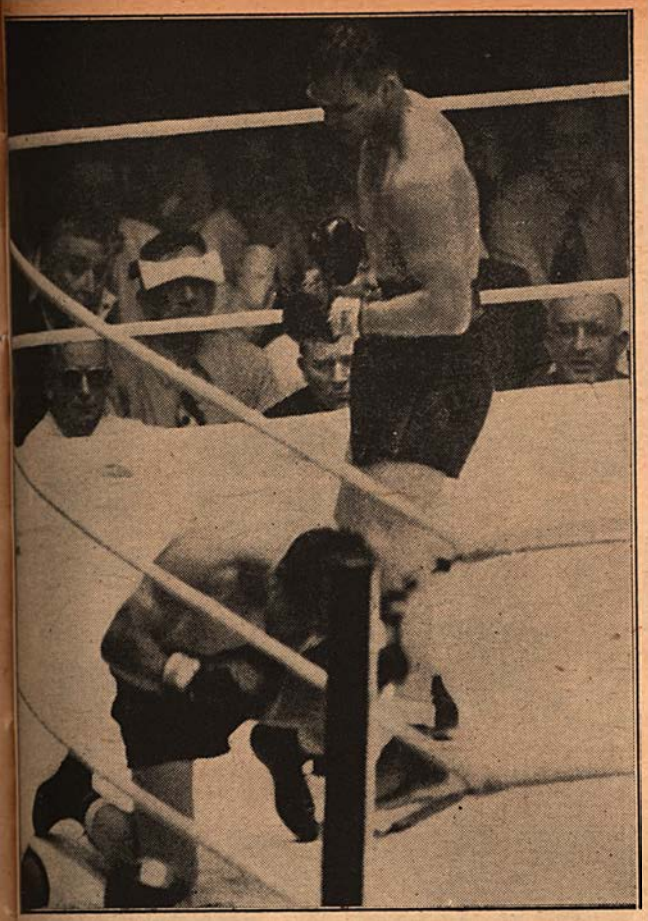
THE Battle of the Long Count as the return engagement between Tunney and Dempsey in Chicago is called, found Gene on the verge of a knockout in that historic seventh round when the action of Referee Dave Barry in refusing to start the count until Dempsey had gone to a neutral corner gave the champion plenty of time in which to recuperate. In that affair, the unanimous decision went to Gene, who had outclassed Jack in seven of the ten rounds. Though clearly outpointed, Dempsey never gave in.

With his legs and arms weary, his eyes showing their dimness by his failure to throw his punches *(Continued on page 34)*

# HAPPY GOING *for a* DEAD END KID

# ROCKY ROAD *to* RING ROYALTY

## *By* TED CARROLL



*A scene in the third round of the Graziano-Zale bout in Chicago in which Rocky went down on his knees from a hard right.*

THE three car motorcade swirled through the streets of the New Jersey town preceded and flanked by a squad of motorcycling bluecoats, sirens shrieking. Lolling in the rear of the lead car on its way to Paterson, a rugged looking young man, tieless and wild-haired, waved a nonchalant forefinger to the yelled greetings of the curb-stoned citizens of the Skeeter State.

Pausing from his acknowledgement of the plaudits of his public, Rocky Graziano, for it was indeed the newly-crowned Middleweight Champion of the World, took time out to observe, "Jeez, who'd a thought that the coppers who were always chasing me would ever be leadin' me!"

Thus Rocky expressed in a sentence better than all the millions of words that have been written about him, a condensation of his tumultuous career.

Rocky Graziano was a dead end kid if ever there was one. All things considered, he could hardly have been anything else. That he is today a world famous celebrity and not a social problem, is a tribute to the boxing game no matter how you look at it.

Fate dropped him into a setup that gave the youngster no choice. The New York neighborhood in which he was born, is almost without parallel for poverty and pugnaciousness.

More often than not, the street corner hoodlum was the neighborhood hero, the law as represented by the police, the common enemy. In a setting such as this, tough kids bloomed like poison ivy in its natural state, and of all of them, there were none tougher than little Thomas Barbella who was to become famous as Rocky Graziano. The cops still concede this and Rocky admits it.

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GETTING him inside a school room was a near impossibility. "I was a real case," he tells you with refreshing candor. A street fighter as soon as he could walk, he sought out the hangouts of adjacent blocks to battle when competition in his own street ran low.

All this took place in the vicinity of 11th St. and 2nd Ave. in New York's gangster-gripped East Side. Bad boy he was, but something inside him diverted his delinquency from disaster's direction.

Maybe it was the tunes he liked to thump out with a one-fingered wizardry on battered pianos from the very beginning. Spelling still remains somewhat of a mystery to him, but sketching simple pictures, that was something else again. Like so many other boxers who came up from the ranks of the poor, Graziano has that strange liking for drawing. No one has ever been able to figure out just why so many pugilists show potential artistic talent.

But it's there, as evidenced by Mickey Walker who is becoming more and more publicized as an artist; George Abrams, who possesses ample talent; big Primo Carnera who had possibilities; Allie Stolz who still intends to continue his art studies; Jackie Donovan, a really good cartoonist; Jimmy Bivins, who showed promise as a painter and Billy Conn.

Whatever it was, Graziano chose the prize ring rather than the precarious paths taken by so many of his neighbors to their eventual regret.

He never had an amateur fight. Fighter Lulu Costantino was the local pride during his boyhood years. Lulu, vexed at seeing Rocky's obvious talent going to waste in sidewalk encounters that availed no one anything, was instrumental in starting little Rocky on the way to pugilistic glory.

He taught himself to box. No fancy Dan, what he learned about bobbing and weaving, his defensive standby, which he does well, he figured out himself. Like Joe Louis, he has a natural instinct for diagnosing the styles of his opponents which is surprising. "La Motta, sure he's tough," he says, "but don't let him kid you. He can be hurt. And he's not a real puncher, so he doesn't hurt you. He likes to wear the other guy down.

"Robinson, Great! But he's not as good as he used to be and you can hit him now.

"Cerdan, busy, but he's no kid, you know. I'll bet he's 35 if he's a day.

"Steve Belloise—a dangerous puncher, but he ain't so young either, no more."

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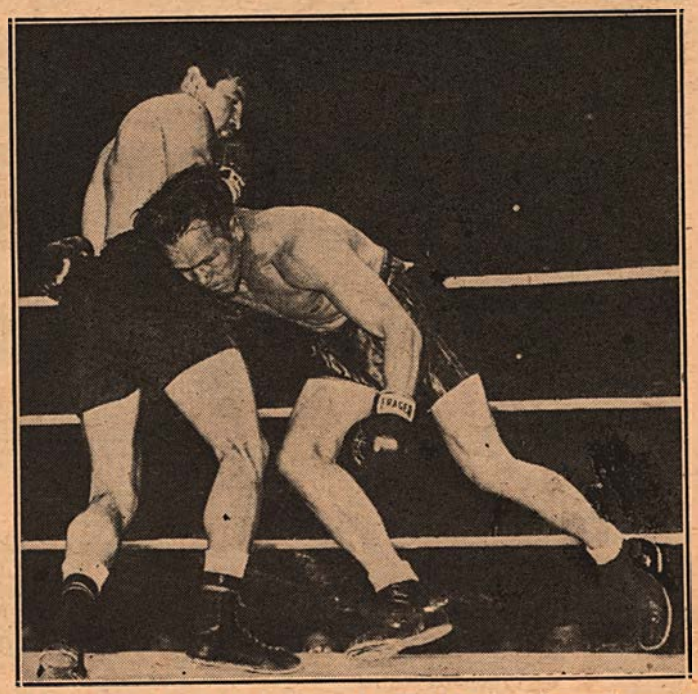
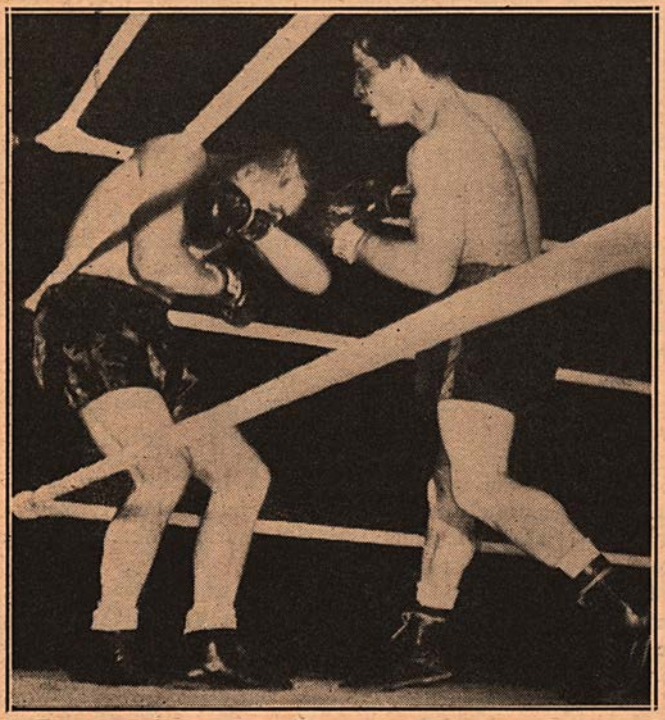


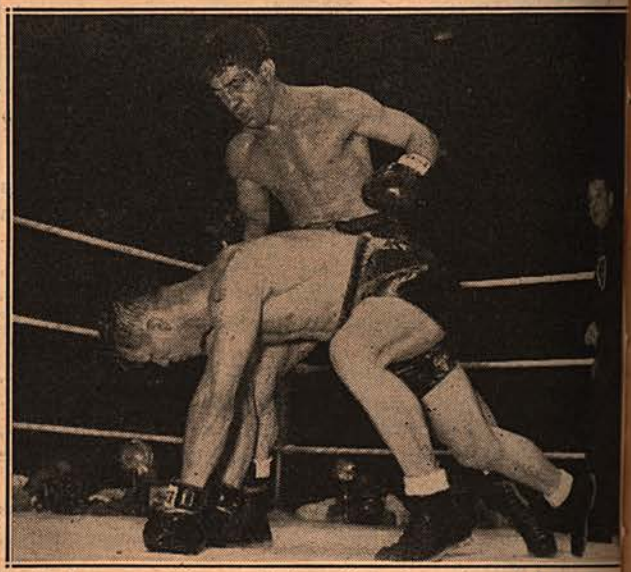
*Zale, slipping in the first round, grabs Rocky about the waist in an effort to keep on his feet in their title mill in the Windy City.*

# HOW *the* WORLD MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP CHANGED HANDS

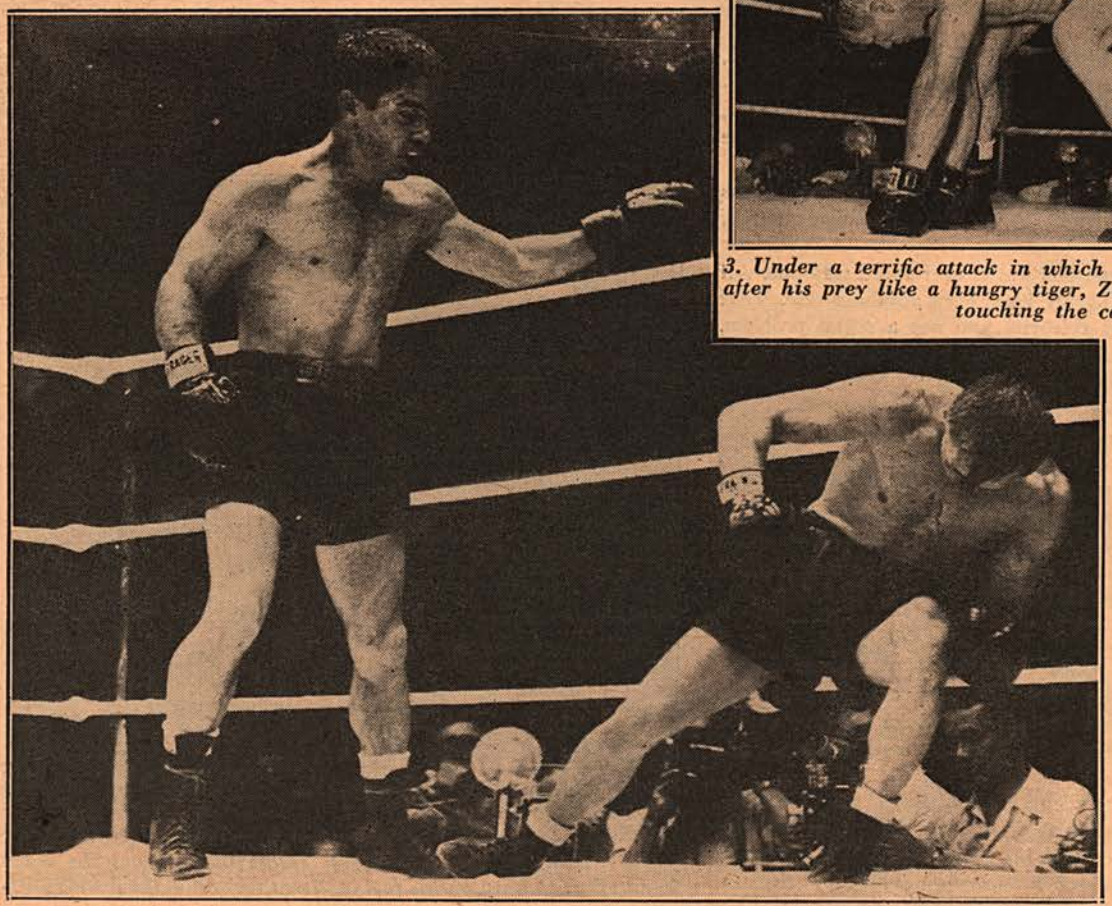
*1. Shortly after the start of the sixth round, Graziano, though his eyes were badly damaged, started to toss lefts to Zale's face.*



*2. Then, as Zale began to wilt, a series of rights and lefts to the jaw soon had the champ wobbly. He was hurt and couldn't protect himself.*

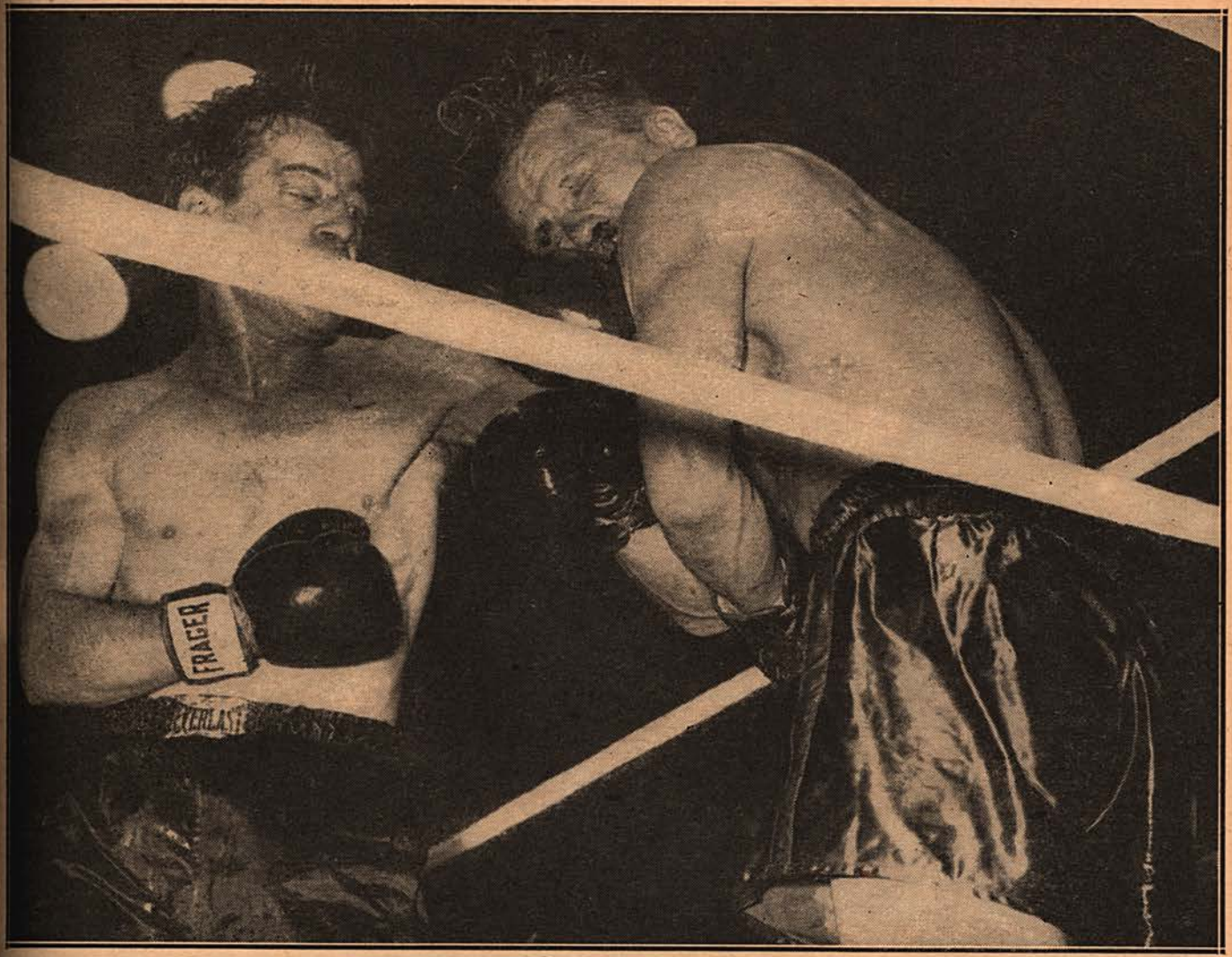


*3. Under a terrific attack in which the infuriated Rocky went after his prey like a hungry tiger, Zale went down, both gloves touching the canvas.*

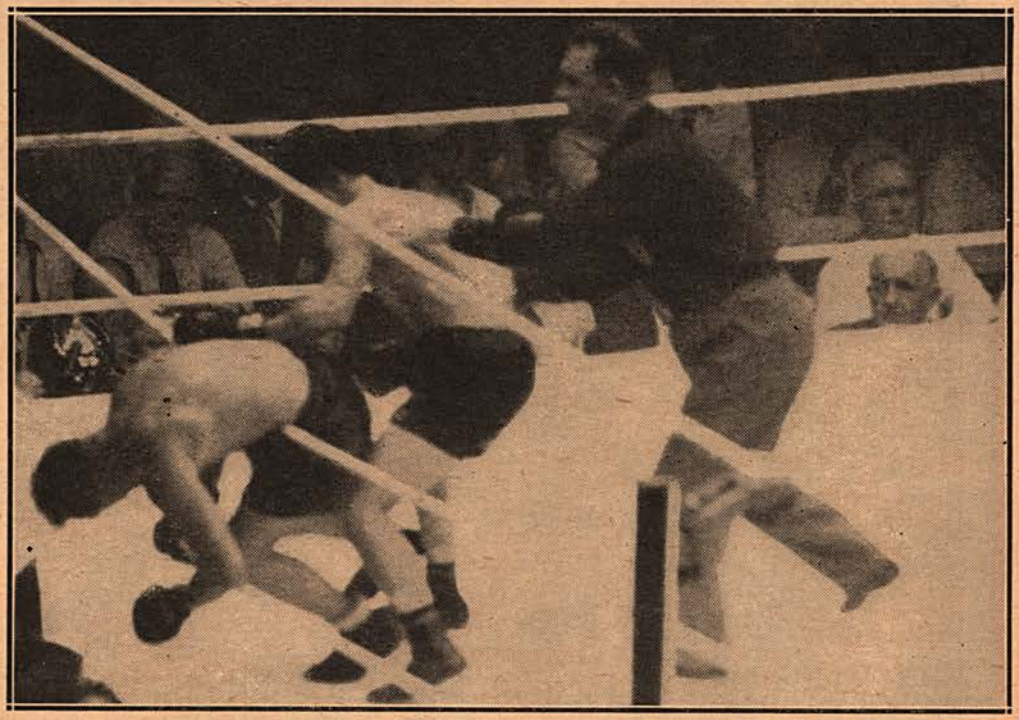


*4. Then came the big moment — the champ, unable to stand on his feet, fell against the ropes and then over the second strand from which position he was unable to clear himself before the referee decided he had suffered sufficiently and halted the bout.*

# THE FINAL ROUNDS OF TITLE TILT

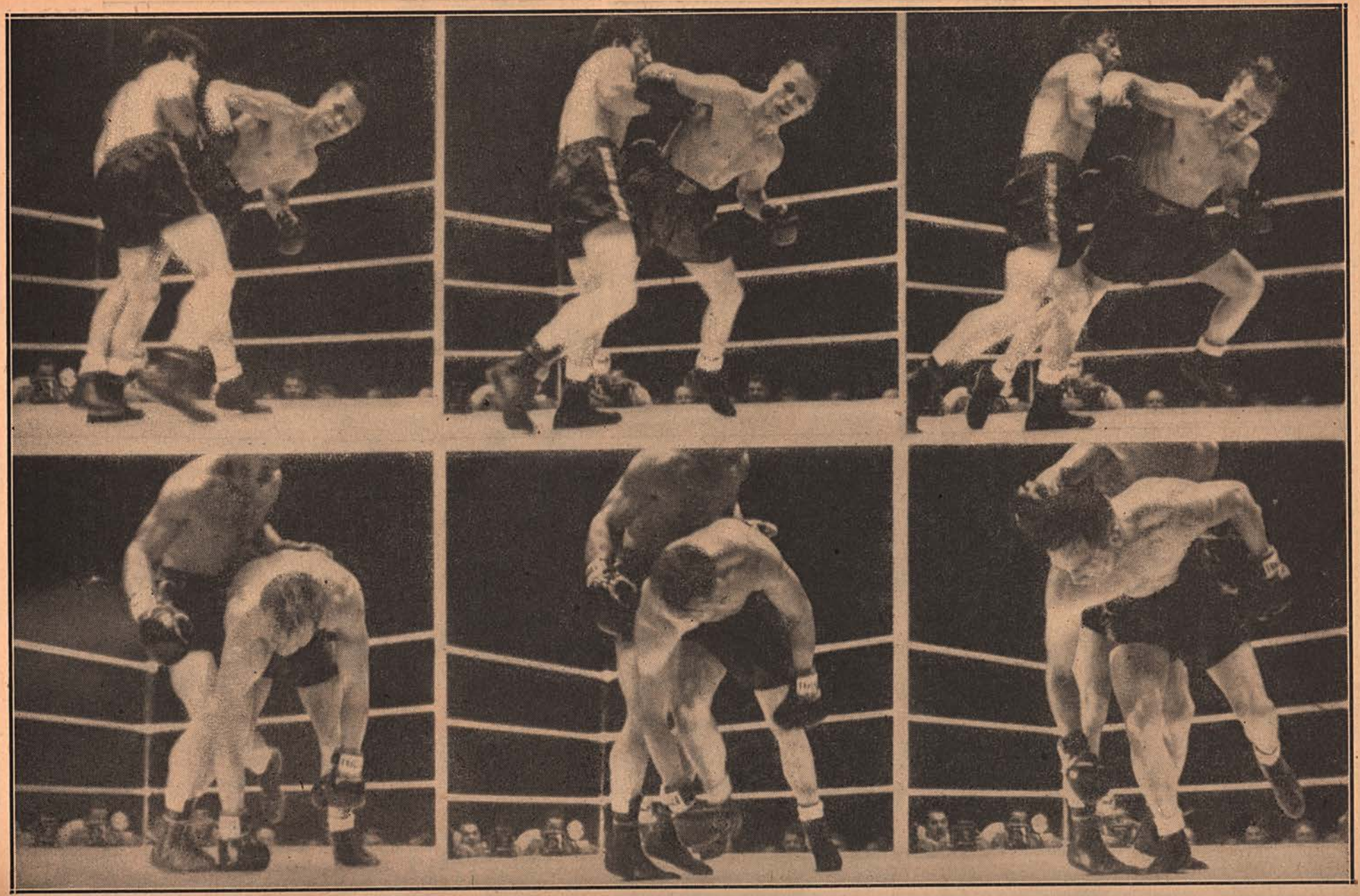



*(Above) The blow that started Champion Tony Zale on the road to defeat. It was a heavy left to the jaw in the fifth round, a punch that made the Indiana fighter wince. Just before this punch, a right to the nose drew the claret freely. It was after these two blows had done their damage, that the champ became wobbly and he withered. The champ came to the end of his trail with tragic suddenness. Despite the fact that Graziano was beginning to tag Zale heavily in the session before the final, at the end of the fifth round Zale was out in front on the score cards of each of the judges and the referee. The title holder who had ruled since 1941 lashed back often in that round but fatigue, brought on by age and the heat, was written all over his face.*



*In the sixth round, after Graziano had gotten his man in a helpless state, he opened up with fury to end the bout and clinch the crown. Only once did Zale stab the challenger with a left to check the assault, and thereafter he was easy prey. Several rights took whatever starch still remained out of Zale and the above photo shows how he sagged under the top strand of the ropes, a position which brought a halt to the fray. Referee Behr rushed to the challenger, while the official timekeeper started a count and had reached three, when the fight ended.*

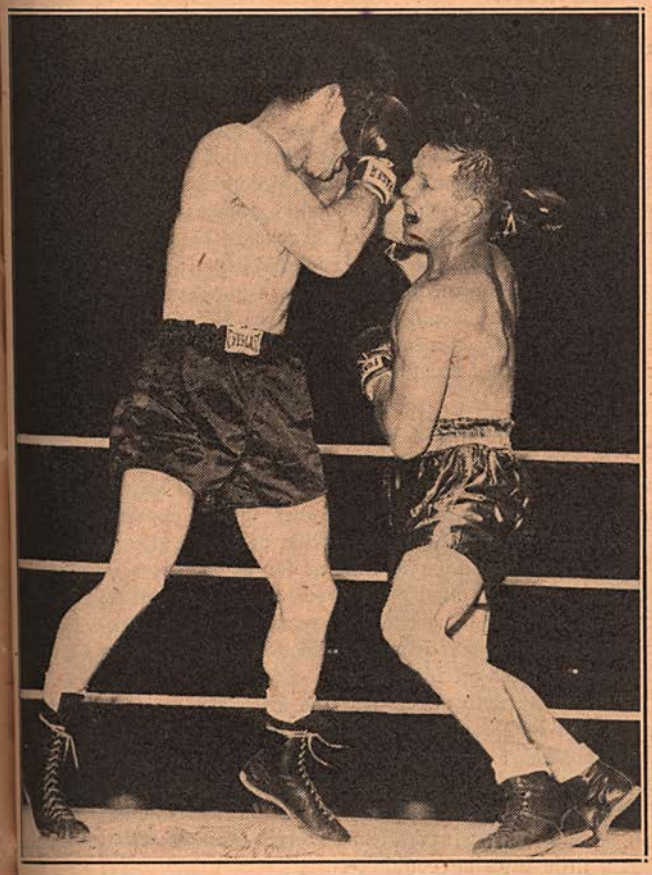
# A KILLER GOES AFTER HIS PREY



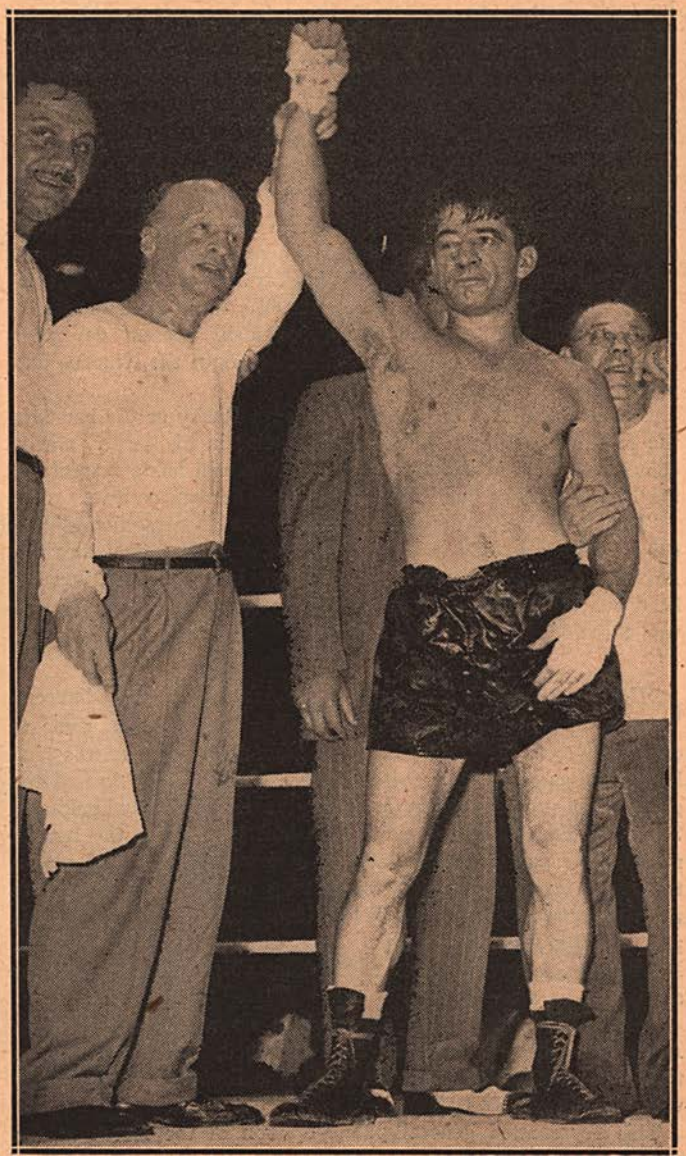
*Final scenes in the Zale-Graziano fight. The champion staggers and the challenger, eyes damaged, goes after him in the sixth round until he has Zale so helpless the referee stops the fight and a new champion is crowned. Top row, left to right—A right to the jaw sends the champ reeling against the ropes. He tries to balance himself but Rocky is now out for the kill. Zale is about to stumble and Rocky is ready for another right. Bottom row—before it lands, Zale collapses. He tries to rise but can get only half way up and whirls about, staggers some more with Rocky at his side. A few seconds later the champ's body rested over the second rope and it was all over.*

# Rocky! Rocky! *is the* New Champ's Greeting

*Hailed by a wild-eyed throng of several thousand East Side enthusiasts, Rocky Graziano returned to his native city to be acclaimed and feted. New York honored the new middleweight king, despite his banishment from boxing by the State Athletic Commission. Graziano is recognized as champion throughout the world except in his home state.*



*(Above) Tony Zale's last furious attack. It was in the fourth round in which it appeared that he would halt his challenger who is here seen trying to protect his eye as Tony tosses punches.*



*The winnah—and new champion! Whitey Bimstein, Graziano's faithful trainer, holds up the hand of the New Yorker after the decision in his favor is rendered.*

# Rocky Road to Royalty

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WITH that unswerving loyalty to the old neighborhood typical of immigrant families, most of the Grazianos still live in the 2nd Avenue district. Rocky himself abandoned these surroundings some time ago in favor of a two-story dwelling located in a section of Brooklyn bordering on the swanky Ocean Parkway.

High class it may be, but here he maintains open house in the best 2nd Avenue traditions. Parties in buildings adjoining invariably end up in the Graziano domicile where they assume proportions undreamed of by the original hosts.

The boxer is almost as proud of his baby grand piano as he is of his title. Few Italians are without some artistic leanings and Rocky's piano plunking is his proudest achievement.

No one has ever seen him wear a hat. The night Tommy Bell boxed Ray Robinson for the welterweight championship, a blizzard hit New York. Forced to park his car some distance away from the Garden, he strode into the lobby with a head full of snow that made him look like an ice cream cone.

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LIBERAL and free-handed to the point of childishness, his largesse takes turns such as this. Some time before reaching his present eminence, upon leaving a small fight club he stopped to buy a bag of peanuts from a vendor. Quickly surrounded by pals, kids and kibitzers, he bought out the peanut man's supply, then had himself a good time tossing them out to the crowd.

He's still no angel. He's made mistakes, some of them quite serious, but he is tirelessly attempting to rectify the wrong turn he took during one particular phase of his career. He is one of the easiest marks for any kind of personal appearance anywhere and for anybody. So much so, that his board of strategy has found it wise to keep closer track on some of the personal appearance commitments he's in the habit of making.

He invariably delights the crowd when he takes a bow by looking just like they expected him to. The day following his winning the World's Championship, he strolled into THE RING office to greet the Editor, looking for all the world like a page out of the *Police Gazette* files of the old Bowery bullyboys of the past. In fact, Rocky's unshaven jowls, his careless attire, and garbled grammar, honestly natural if nothing else, come as somewhat of a relief from the strained posture of many present day pugs, some of whom carry on more like ham actors of the Nineties than professional pugilists.

During the course of conversation with Rocky or his handlers, the fight with Billy Arnold, turning point in his career, always comes up. He won the fight, but Graziano still has a respect for the Philadelphian's punching prowess that borders on awe.

"Punchers don't worry me none, no more," he exclaims, "because I know nobody can ever hit me any harder than that guy Arnold. Zale was the best bodypuncher I ever fought, but for head punching I'll take Arnold over anybody, I thought the guy was throwing rocks at me, honest."

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CIRCUMSTANCES concerning the Arnold bout were interesting. Manager Irving Cohen, figuring the time had come to do-or-die, took the match with the Philadelphian, then the ring knockout sensation as a dying gamble. Rocky hadn't looked too good in his previous fights. Ordinarily, Harold Green and unknown Steve Riggio had little trouble with him just before the Arnold match. Few gave him any kind of a chance and Arnold was a top-heavy favorite. Figuring on getting out from under before the dam burst, Co-manager Jack Healy attempted to peddle his part of the East Side boy to the managerial team of Jack Blumen and Lou Schiro for $2200. This pair looked Healy over as though he were crazy.

"And just what are we supposed to do with the guy when Arnold gets done with him," they guffawed, "get him a job on the docks? Maybe you'd like to sell us the Brooklyn Bridge along with him, eh?"

This represented general public opinion of the match at the time. The crowd at the Garden the night of March 9, 1945, was heading for the exits as early as the second round as Arnold handed out a fearful walloping to Graziano. Staff man Chickie Bogad reveals that at the end of the second round, Manager Irving Cohen was all for stopping the fight as Graziano wobbled to his corner a sight to behold.

"Rocky boy—do you know me?" anxiously queried Irving of his woozy warrior.

"Are you kiddin'," was the snappy comeback, "I got this guy coming to me and I'll nail him and flatten him in the next round."

That's just what he did! And the rest is history.

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ROCKY need make no apologies for his background, for he is in distinguished sports company. Some of those who take the namby-pamby holier-than-thou attitude of attempting to make excuses for and decry the Graziano history apparently have short memories.

The same people who turn up their noses at Rocky's striped sweaters and dems, deses, and doses, fall over themselves to hobnob with Jack Dempsey who climbed off a freight train to become one of the world's most famous figures.

The old Manassa Mauler didn't know what it was to pay a railroad fare until Jack Kearns came along, and he had been boxing for some years then. Beholding the smooth, suave and urbane individual that is Jack Dempsey today, it is difficult to realize that by his own admission he never wore a jacket until he was almost 21. Our always welcome friend, the good Professor Billy M'Carney, insists that the ragged green sweater he first saw on Jack back in a Colorado town in 1914, he was still wearing in 1916.

Joe Louis' mother chuckles that Joseph Louis Barrow was a right big boy before he put on his first pair of shoes.

James J. Braddock came off the Hoboken docks where he had been a holy terror as a kid.

Graziano had nothing on former lightweight champion Lew Ambers, as a problem child. The only relief the Herkimer, N. Y., constabulary got from Lew's youthful depredations, came while he was off on one of the cross-country jumps via freight train in which he indulged even before he reached his teens.

They still talk about Ace Hudkins' carryings on as a youngster out in Nebraska. By unanimous agreement, the toughest kid to come out of Lincoln, Neb., the Ace is today a fat and jolly 250-pounder without a harmful thought in his bald head. The list could be extended indefinitely.

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A FIRST meeting with Graziano comes as something of a shock to most people, keyed up to anticipate a probable punch on the nose in place of the conventional salutation. As far as appearances go, Graziano comes up to expectations, being pretty much the old time conception of a pug generally.

But there the similarity ends as far as his press manufactured reputation goes. Actually his greeter meets an amiable, obliging, unconceited though unschooled young man who leaves one with the impression that if it came right down to it he would give you the striped shirt off his back.

It is not hard to understand the riotous homecoming welcome given him in New York's Grand Central Station, most genuine and wholehearted ever accorded a fighter in the big city's history, for the boy's disposition is basically naive and likable.

One takes leave of Rocky after an introduction, with the sympathetic contemplation that there's nothing wrong with him that a little tutoring couldn't cure.

Although he is active in an era marked by tremendous taxes, the Graziano master minds look to annuities to place their charge out of economic peril. The greatest drawing card among little men in a generation, the title win alone being worth $65,208 to him—his earnings should reach incredible figures before he hangs up his gloves.

He is doubly fortunate in that the division he heads has a concentration of most of the good fighters in the game today, Cerdan, LaMotta, Belloise, Lytell, Burley, and welter king Ray Robinson who intends operating in the heavier class.

# Nat FLEISCHER says:

## "Non-Title" Rule Should Be Abolished

## Crown at Stake in Louis-Walcott Contest

## If Jersey Joe Wins He'll Get "Ring" Belt

THE battle between Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight king, and Tami Mauriello for the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund at Ebbets Field, once again brought to light the scarcity of suitable opponents for Joe Louis, even in a "non-title" fight. Though Lesnevich won by a close margin, due to a good early lead, he showed nothing to warrant pitting him against the Brown Bomber. In fact, his faithful manager, Joe Vella, has no desire to have his charge engage in such a contest either with the title at stake, or as the Twentieth Century Club and the New York Commission are ready to have it, in a "non-championship" affair of ten rounds.

For the third time Lesnevich proved himself master of the man who was knocked out in one round by Louis. Twice in light-heavy title mills Gus defeated Tami but in this overweight match, Mauriello, having shed seventeen pounds and gotten himself into his best physical condition in several years, entered the ring a favorite, but even with his weight advantage of 18½ pounds, 197 to 178½, he failed to come through. Had he won, Mauriello would have been chosen for the "non-title" bout with Louis in November.

Speaking of the proposed November contest, I disagree with both the Twentieth Century Club and Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York Commission, that a bout in which Louis is a participant, and in which regulation gloves are used and referee and judges are named to give a decision, can be called a "non-title" bout. Louis' championship will be at stake and if he loses Joe and his mentors, as well as the Twentieth Century Club and Eddie Eagan, will have a mighty tough time convincing John Q. Public that the fighter who whipped the Bomber by decision, kayo or on a foul, is not the world champion. He may not be so recognized in New York, but he will in every other state and foreign country. As Lou Burton of the New York *Journal* pointed out in reporting the "non-title" agreement, "the toughest opponent for any man to beat, is public opinion."

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STRANGE as it might seem, Louis' mentors, the New York Commission and Sol Strauss, acting head of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, acknowledge that if Louis is knocked out he will lose his crown, yet insist that since New York State laws call for a championship fight to be of fifteen rounds, Joe cannot lose the title via the decision route. They've got another guess coming in that respect.

Until I called attention to the rule in the New York books which refer to the overweight matches, not even the chairman of the New York Commission was aware of its existence. But now that it has become generally known, the Twentieth Century Club is taking advantage of it and I don't blame that organization for getting away with it with the aid of the Commission.

After Rocky Graziano had been tossed out of boxing in New York for violating a rule which he says he had no knowledge was on the books, I visited the Commission offices and had a chat with my friend, Colonel Eagan.

"Suppose Joe Louis wanted to engage in an exhibition in this state, would you permit it?" I asked.

"No, I wouldn't because exhibitions are prohibited," replied Eagan. "If Joe were to engage in a bout of even four rounds, I would have to have judges and referee and the bout would be judged as any other fight and a decision would be rendered. If he lost, he would lose his title."

"Not according to your rules," I said. Whereupon Eagan remarked that he knew of no such rule.

"Give me a copy of your rules book," I answered, "and I'll show you where you are mistaken."

Whereupon we turned to page 35 of the 1944 Book of Rules, which still is in use, and read clause 9:

*"All boxing championships must be at 15 rounds. It will be permitted, however, in all classes from flyweight to light-heavyweight, that a champion may engage in a bout over the weight and of a lesser number of rounds than 15 when his championship will not be at stake.*

*"It will also be permitted for a heavyweight champion to engage in a bout of a lesser number of rounds than 15 when his championship will not be at stake."*

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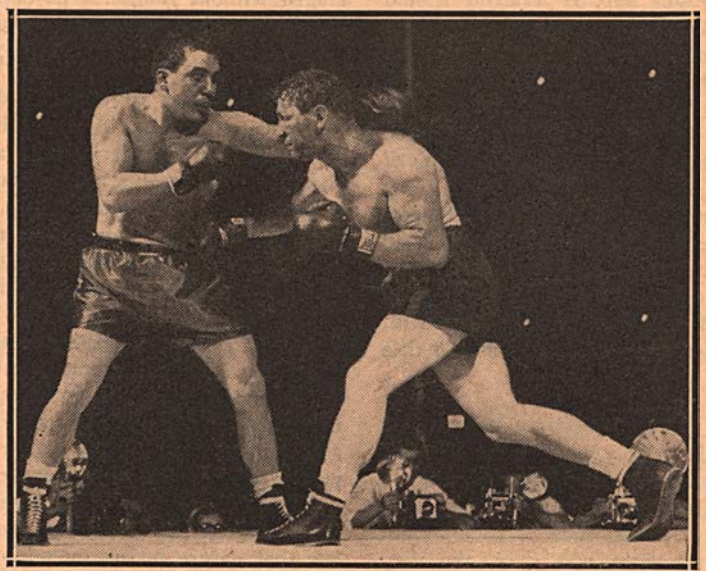
THE good Colonel was amazed. "I wonder when that was placed in our rule book," he remarked, and I told him it was put through by General Phelan at the time of the Braddock-Schmeling controversy.

"I'll have it removed," said Eagan, "as soon as a third Commissioner is appointed and our rules are revised, because I believe the title is at stake every time a heavyweight title holder engages in a contest in which a decision is rendered."

But a new Commissioner has been appointed; three months have elapsed and the rule is still on the New York books!

Hence Sol Strauss took advantage of it and there is nothing Col. Eagan can do but sanction such a "non-title" fight, which he has, yet I'd be willing to place THE RING against a $10 bill that if Joe loses the decision in any manner whatsoever, his title will be claimed by the victor who



*Gus Lesnevich lands a solid right smash to Tami Mauriello's mid-section in sixth round of their Ebbets Field bout for Cancer Fund.*

would receive the whole-hearted support of the fight public and probably every other State Commission except New York. I've gone into details on this point, just for the record since I have received several hundred letters from fans and boxing commissions asking for my opinion on such a fight.

Should Joe Louis be disqualified for fouling, lose the decision, be knocked out or the bout be halted because of an injury to the champ, there will be a new world title holder and his name will be Jersey Joe Walcott. Not that I expect Joe to lose, but anything can happen in a fight.

As for THE RING, it not only recognizes this "non-title" bout as a championship match, but will give a belt to Jersey Joe should the unexpected take place and the fistic world be shocked by a victory for him over the Brown Bomber.

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THE RING can be pardoned for feeling a bit of personal satisfaction in the selection of Jersey Joe Walcott as Louis' opponent in the November engagement. We have consistently maintained that, on the strength of his record, the Camden veteran rated the No. 1 spot among the champion's challengers, and was deserving of a chance at the title.

Not that we expect Walcott to win. But since Louis wants to fight, Jersey Joe is the one most qualified to act as the party of the other part. Walcott is an experienced, ringwise veteran, who can box and punch, and his record for the last three years establishes him as a rival Louis cannot afford to take too cheaply.

One of the fascinations of the boxing business is its uncertainty. "Upsets" are by no means rare in the ring, and in a recent feature in THE RING, "There Is No Sucker," we cited many instances of great fighters who ran into unexpected disasters at the hands of opponents who figured to be little more than workouts for them. Even championships changed owners by these unexpected developments. The latest such sucker bout was that in which Joe DiMartino knocked out Marty Servo.

Walcott is dangerous enough for Louis not to underestimate. After all, great champion though he has been, Shufflin' Joe is only human. He has been hit, and he has been hurt. Now, at 33, and away from serious competition for more than a year, there is no saying just how much of his effectiveness has been dulled by the advancing years and the rust of inaction.

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WALCOTT faces a grand opportunity, and it is needless to say Jersey Joe will attempt to make the most of it. He is no youngster himself—his age has been variously estimated at from 30 to 35—and he realizes this may be his last chance to bid for the most prized asset in the entire sports world.

As we mentioned a few paragraphs ago, if Walcott should happen to nail Louis somewhere along the way, and knock the Bomber out, there is no arguing that, "non-title" bout or not, the Camden veteran will be universally recognized as world champion. Even if the bout should go its prescribed 10 rounds, and Walcott receives the decision, it is difficult to see how Jersey Joe can be considered as anything but champion, despite the New York board's rule on this point.

In the event of such a development—a decision for Walcott in 10 rounds—the probabilities are that efforts will be made to bring the rivals together next summer, at either the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds, and definitely settle the controversy by having them fight over the 15-round route; this time with Joe Louis as the challenger and Jersey Joe Walcott as the title holder.

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I'M proud to say that regardless of Commission rulings on title bouts, THE RING's decisions invariably have been accepted world-wide in all such discussions in the past. THE RING stood by itself in refusing to acknowledge either Montgomery or Williams as lightweight title holder until such time as they fought it out between them, yet when the fight was over, the very scribes who supported New York and the 20th Century Sporting Club for the past two years in declaring Montgomery the world champion, called him in their stories, the pretender to the throne after he had lost to Ike. Why the change?

Fight fans know that the title changes hands any time the heavyweight king is defeated in a contest in which he faces a legitimate opponent contender, and each wears regulation gloves and fights according to the boxing rules of the state wherein the contest takes place and they won't be hoaxed by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club nor the New York Commission through rattle-brain rules which flout the highest traditions in international boxing. For two centuries it has been recognized that a heavyweight champ has his crown at stake in such a bout and no amount of phoney rules or loose talk in publicizing the fight, will change that custom.

If Joe Walcott wins the decision, Messrs. John Roxborough, Sol Strauss and Eddie Eagan will have a lot to explain to keep Jersey Joe's name out of the legitimate world championship list. Louis will not only lose caste but will lose the respect of the boxing fans, his army of supporters, when he attempts to continue to affix the title of "world champion" to his name.

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EITHER the Louis-Walcott bout must be listed as an exhibition of ten rounds if those in control don't want his title to be at stake, or as for the world's heavyweight championship. There is no middle lane.

Jack Dempsey lost his crown to Gene Tunney in a ten-round decision bout in Philadelphia and Gene retained it in a ten-round bout in Chicago. The decision of the New York Commission in entering the Louis-Walcott bout as a "non-title" affair, is a burlesque on boxing and Eddie Eagan knows that better than anyone else.

As a staunch admirer of Joe Louis, I cannot understand why the Brown Bomber doesn't put his foot down and halt all the adverse criticism by accepting Walcott as he should be, the challenger. Louis should agree to fight Jersey Joe for fifteen rounds since the Jerseyite has been the Number One contender in THE RING for many months and in recent months also has been so designated by the N.B.A.

"Is Louis afraid to risk his title after having taken on all comers in twenty-three title defenses?" ask many readers. My answer is definitely, no.

He is being misguided. He should insist on a fifteen rounds battle with his crown on the line for the twenty-fourth time, because whether he does or not, such will be the case. Such trickery as a "non-title" ten-rounder is uncalled for. If Joe doesn't want to fight for the championship any more, he should now retire, not resort to subterfuge exhibitions, an imposition on the public.

If Joe Louis doesn't want to place his crown on the line against Walcott, then I suggest that the 10-round "non-title" bout be staged without judges, a no-decision affair in which the boxers should use 14- or 16-ounce training gloves.

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THE decision of the British Board of Boxing Control to vacate the world flyweight title held by Jackie Paterson and to name Dado Marino of Hawaii and Rinty Monaghan, Irish champion, as the outstanding contenders, was a decision that will benefit both boxing and Jackie. Paterson has proved in recent months that he no longer can make the flyweight limit and be strong, despite his protestations. Like a good sport, he should accept the decision of the British Board and enter the bantam or feather division, into either of which he will fit nicely.

Boxing is a strenuous sport and those who think they can engage in it without endangering their health by repeatedly reducing in weight, should keep in mind the case of Joe Gans, one of the greatest champions of all time, who became a physical wreck and died of tuberculosis as a result of constant weight-making, particularly for his gruelling series with Battling Nelson.

Perhaps Paterson, as he asserts, can still make the flyweight limit without physical injury to himself, but he should remember that nature insists on taking its toll, and it will do to him what it has done to many others who have refused to acknowledge that they have outgrown their divisions.

The step taken by the British Board of Boxing Control is

commendable. Its members are saving Paterson from future ill health. And in naming Dado Marino, who had contracted for a title bout with Jackie and had it called off when Paterson became ill, and Monaghan, who accepted a last-minute engagement with Dado on that occasion, as the men to fight it out for Paterson's crown, the Board gave proper recognition to these outstanding challengers.

THE RING will recognize a fight between these lads as for the world crown and will offer the usual RING belt to the winner.

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HARTFORD, being the insurance center of the world, should issue special premiums to Connecticut's referees, if we are to take cognizance of the riotous acts of the fight fans against the officials whose recent verdicts have failed to meet with popular approval. Up in West Haven on August 5, Referee Lou Bogash was knocked down, scratched and kicked after awarding the decision to Julie Kogon in his bout with Aldo Minelli of Milan, Italy, who apparently had all the better of the milling. After Lou had reached his dressing room, the incensed fans beat on the walls, tossed beer and soda bottles and refuse, and one irate fan even hurled a brick at Bogash as he made for the room.

Then, the following night in Hartford, another spectator riot at a professional boxing show in Connecticut took place when Louis Kid Kaplan, official referee, awarded the decision to Miguel Acevedo of Havana, Cuba, over Jimmy McAllister of Baltimore, a verdict which the fight fans and the press box experts thought highly inaccurate. Kaplan ruled the Cuban a winner by six rounds to two, with two even, and 66 to 64 in points, whereas the consensus favored McAllister. The Hartford *Courant* gave it to him by a wide margin.

The fans started a wild rush to the ring where the life of Kaplan was threatened. He had to be protected by the police for more than twenty minutes and after his bluecoat escort got him into civilian clothes, Kaplan had a ride home in a police car.

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JUST to add to the general riotous acts in Connecticut, there was extra-curricular activity at Bridgeport, Conn., that same night, where Marty Servo, former world welterweight champion, attempting a comeback, was knocked cold by a comparative unknown, Joe DiMartino, in 1:28 of the opening round.

Servo's handlers, contrary to the rules, tossed water over the fallen fighter in an effort to revive him and while the count was on, some fan rushed to the ringside and tried desperately to ring the gong for a premature ending of the round. In this he was thwarted by the official timer who covered the gong with his body to prevent a repetition of the famous Nathan Mann-Al McCoy bell-ringing episode when Marty Krompier jumped to the ringside and hit the gong ending the round while Mann was dead to the world, knocked cold, with one minute, 32 seconds of the round still remaining.

Such shenanigans don't do boxing any good. With deaths, severe injuries and grand jury investigations into racketeers in the sport, it behooves our boxing commissions throughout the country to protect the game with better officiating and to oust gangsters as managers or seconds wherever they are found. That Bogash and Kaplan erred in reaching proper verdicts must be conceded by the almost unanimous dissenting vote of the fans and scribes, but at least we may be assured the mistakes were honest ones.

Often in New York City we have had equally bad decisions, especially the most recent one in which Elmer Ray, loser by at least two rounds in his bout with Ezzard Charles, received the verdict though one judge had Ezzard in the lead, 8 to 2 in rounds. But there was no semblance of a riot. The Garden fans laughed off the screwy decision, left the arena like peaceful citizens should and no attempt at manslaughter or mayhem was made by anyone.

No matter what faults may be found with the New York Commission, and I am aware it has many, we can still doff our hats to the Empire State officials for conducting boxing on a higher level than anywhere in the country.

APPARENTLY the weird doings in Connecticut were contagious, for on the night following the Acevedo-McAllister affair, in neighboring Rhode Island, another decision, described by Bob Englert of the Providence *Journal* as the worst ever handed out there, was perpetrated at the close of 10 rounds of milling between a local veteran, Ralph Zannelli, and the visiting Joe Blackwood of Paterson. Zannelli was declared the winner, though newspaper accounts credited Blackwood with winning by a wide margin.

Wrote Englert: "Boxing in Rhode Island reached a new low. . . . It was another of those weird verdicts that apparently are arrived at by moistening one's finger and learning which way the wind is blowing, gazing skyward, and whispering some mumble-jumble known only to fight officials. . . . The mere fact that it was a split vote was bad enough, but when the decision went to Zannelli, the odor from our polluted Narragansett Bay carried over into the park."

But, at least, the fans behaved themselves much better than did their neighbors in Connecticut. The putrid decision may have provoked unpleasant outbursts from the assembled gathering, but there was no sign of an incipient riot.

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It happened one night: A battle in London between two lightweights, Vic Manini and Warren Kendall, terminated suddenly in the first round when Manini was disqualified for a low blow. Neither boxer was satisfied with the result, so, after a rest, they agreed to fight again. The return match also lasted only one round, Kendall retiring after being knocked down four times.

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Flyweight Jimmy Hogg discovered, when he reported to the Melbourne Stadium in Australia, that he had forgotten his boxing shoes. It was too late to send home for them, and a frantic canvassing of other boxers present failed to uncover a pair small enough for his tiny feet. The nearest to his size he could borrow were two inches too long. But he used them, and though he slopped around with all the grace of a burlesque Joe Jackson or a film Charley Chaplin, he managed to whip his opponent, Spider Tymms.

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Add to famous sayings by famous ring men:

"It was the sun that beat me, not Olle Tandberg. It got in my eyes."—Joe Baksi.

"The heat got me. I was hurt far more by Rocky Graziano in our first fight."—Tony Zale.

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THE Charlotte Boxing Commission, acting like several other boxing boards in various parts of the country, decided that it, not the referee, has the final say in deciding the winner of a bout. Barney Ross, having been imported as a guest referee for the fight between Eddie "Red" Cameron of Miami and Jimmy Boyle, Fort Bragg heavyweight, awarded the fight to Cameron on a "technical knockout" in the seventh round when he decided that a cut eye was sufficient cause to halt the mill.

Chairman Grady Cole thought otherwise. He ruled the decision out and called the bout "no contest."

"Barney is a great guy and was a great fighter, but he's no referee," said Cole. "I think Boyle could have come back and Barney used poor judgment."

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In a Fresno, California, ring on July 29, Referee Art William experienced something novel in ring officiating when Sheik Rangel and Sal Perea, California welters, each set sail for the third man in the ring and slugged him when he attempted to break them from a clinch. He awarded the decision to Perea in the rough-and-tumble battle in which not only was the referee struck but was kneed and bitten by Rangel in the previous round, the sixth. Each was warned several times for using foul tactics.

Anything can happen in a California ring!

# The "Scotch Wop"

## *Johnny Dundee, Colorful West Side Italian, Proved His Worth to Rating with Ring's All-Time Greats*

*By* JERSEY JONES

*Johnny Dundee, a fighter with a unique record.*

GENERALLY overlooked in the excitement attendant upon Rocky Graziano's crushing defeat of Tony Zale in the Chicago Stadium, was the realization that the Dead End Kid became the first bonafide native-born-and-bred New Yorker to win a world championship in five years —since Lou Salica was relieved of the bantamweight title by Manuel Ortiz in Hollywood in August, 1942.

It is odd, indeed—perhaps another of those capricious pranks the whimsical gods of destiny persist in perpetrating every now and then—that New York, the largest city in the world, the most active in the boxing industry, and the home of Madison Square Garden, has been so unproductive in recent years in its output of world champions.

True, Gotham can advance some sort of claim to Ray Robinson, current ruler of the welterweight roost, but Sugar Ray's status is that of an adopted son. He was born and reared in Detroit.

Time was, and not so far in the distant past, when Pop Knickerbocker was a prolific breeder of championship talent. Among those who, from 1914 to 1940, rose to the fistic heights from the bustling sidewalks of New York were Al McCoy, Benny Leonard, Johnny Wilson, Joe Lynch, Abe Goldstein, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Paul Berlenbach, Eddie (Cannonball) Martin, Frankie Genaro, Gene Tunney, Al Singer, Maxie Rosenbloom and Bob Olin.

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ANOTHER champion who, though born in Italy, was raised in little old Bagdad-on-the-Subway, and became one of the ring's all-time greats, was Johnny Dundee, dubbed the "Scotch-Wop" by Danny Lyons, then boxing writer of the old New York *Globe*.

For 23 long years, Dundee plied his rugged trade. At his peak, he was no more than a featherweight, but he fought all the ranking lightweights, and, on occasion, even stepped in with outstanding welterweights.

The list of those faced by Dundee during his busy and colorful career included the names of Johnny Kilbane, Freddie Welsh, Willie Ritchie, Joe Rivers, Benny Leonard, Charley White, Matt Wells, Philadelphia Pal Moore, Joe Azevedo, Irish Patsy Cline, Leach Cross, Joe Shugrue, Frankie Callahan, Eddie Morgan, Joe Mandot, Ever Hammer, Rocky Kansas, Richie Mitchell, Willie Jackson, Lew Tendler, Pete Hartley, Joe Tiplitz, George K. O. Chaney, Eddie Fitzsimmons, Joe Welling, Jimmy Hanlon, Danny Frush, Tommy O'Brien, Alex Hart, Vincent (Pepper) Martin, Jack Bernstein, Pal Moran, K. O. Phil Delmont, Eugene Criqui, Sammy Mandell, Louis Kid Kaplan, Tod Morgan, Honey Boy Finnegan, Sid Terris and Tony Canzoneri.

Dundee didn't miss many of the good 'uns in his day. He fought 'em all—the fancy boxers, the rugged sluggers, the deadly punchers. And, frequently, he fought 'em not once but often. Benny Leonard, for instance, was his vis-a-vis no less than eight times. His series with Willie Jackson was even more extensive, embracing eleven battles. On seven occasions he and Joe Welling tangled. Rocky Kansas was his opponent in six tussles, and the dangerous George K. O. Chaney was met five times. Lew Tendler was the party of the other part in three clashes.

The record books credit Dundee with having fought some 350 battles, a total that establishes him as one of the busiest headliners the ring ever has produced. His record was all the more remarkable considering the tremendous energy he expended with his fast, bounding, two-handed style of milling.

IT was not until he was a veteran of 30, with nearly 14 years of active campaigning behind him, that Dundee finally realized his ambition to acquire a world title. During the summer of 1923 he became featherweight champion by pounding out a 15-round decision over Eugene Criqui at New York's Polo Grounds, six weeks after the Frenchman had taken the title by a six-round kayo from Johnny Kilbane in the same ring.

Dundee didn't defend his laurels, however, and a year later voluntarily relinquished them on the ground that he could no longer make the 126-pound limit. Johnny continued fighting as a lightweight, and despite the wear and tear of a long and strenuous career, it was not until 1932 that he finally decided to hang up the mittens and call it quits. His last official outing resulted in a decision over Mickey Greb in Orange, N. J. He was then 39.

Among the many rare distinctions earned by Dundee during his career was that of opening and closing old Madison Square Garden under Tex Rickard's promotional aegis.

When the Walker Law restored professional boxing to New York in 1920, and Rickard moved in to take over the old Garden, Dundee topped his inaugural card, with Joe Welling as the party of the other part.

Five years later, the last show staged there headlined Dundee with Sid Terris.

Well, the Scotch-Wop was consistent, at least. He lost both bouts on 15-round decisions.

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THE man who "discovered" Dundee, tabbed him with the Scottish monicker and developed him into a great fighter was William (Scotty) Montieth.

Montieth, incidentally, long since shook the dust of New York from his heels and moved out to Detroit, where he still dabbles in the fight business occasionally between duties as a United States marshal.

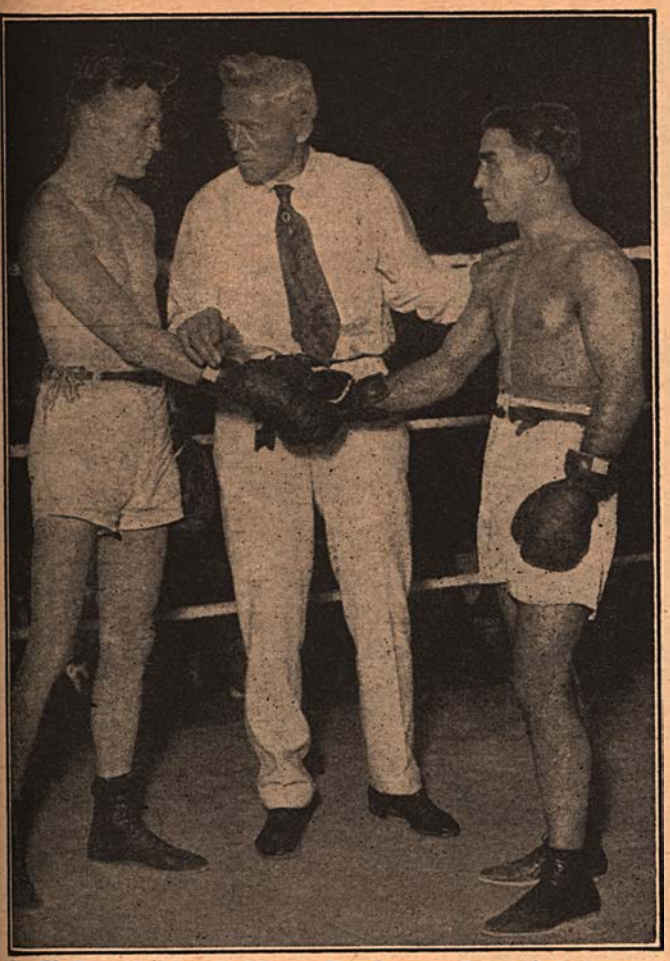
It was early in 1910 that Scotty first ran across Dundee. But let Scotty tell the story himself:

"My wife had just been operated on for appendicitis, and the doctor told me clam broth would be good for her. So I went hunting for clams, and found a fish store, operated by an Italian named Carrora on Forty-first street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

"As I left the store, the first thing that caught my eye was a street fight between a couple of kids. One was a skinny little toddler, who must have been at least ten pounds lighter and several inches shorter than the other guy, but I liked the way he tore into the bigger fellow. At the time I was managing a couple of pretty good fighters, Tommy Houck and Kid Alberts, and, naturally, I was always on the lookout for promising young ring material.

"I got to talking with this kid and learned he was a son of the chap who ran the fish store where I'd just bought the clams.

"Well, one thing led to another, as things have a habit of doing,



*Joe Welling (left) and Johnny Dundee, receiving their instructions from Bill Brown in the opening headliner of the Madison Square Garden boxing show under the new Walker Law.*

and I had another boxer in tow.

"I don't think Dundee weighed more than 100 pounds at the time. He was 17, but a frail, undeveloped kid. He loved fighting, however, and I made an appointment with him for the next day at a west side gymnasium. The punching bags there were too high for him, and he had to jump in the air to get a swat at them. I often think that jumping had a lot to do with developing the catlike spring that became one of the features of his remarkable boxing style."

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HOW did an Italian happen to acquire a Scottish cognomen? "Well," says Montieth, "the kid's first bout was with 'Skinny Bob' in a preliminary at the Sharkey Club. He didn't want to use his right name, Carrora, and fought as 'Young Marino.' He was paid $2 for the fight.

"It was after the scrap that I got to thinking of a name for him. I didn't care much for 'Young Marino,' and there were too many fighters using 'Kid,' 'Battling' and 'Young.' I wanted something different, something that would catch the fancy of the fans.

"I was humming an old Scottish air as I tried to figure what I wanted. Suddenly, I stopped. I knew I had the answer. The song I was humming was about a 'Bonnie Dundee.'

"So, at that moment, Joseph Carrora became 'Johnny Dundee'."

The youngster's spectacular jumping-jack style immediately clicked with the populace, and Montieth had no difficulty keeping him busy. All the clubs in the metropolitan district wanted to use him regularly. In his first year and a half of boxing, Johnny engaged in the remarkable total of 57 bouts, mostly four- and six-round preliminaries, but occasionally stepping out in ten-round windups.

With a natural aptitude for boxing, Dundee improved rapidly, and his once-skinny frame filled out with well-developed muscles. By 1912 he had grown into a strong, rugged, full-fledged featherweight and ready for the better boys in his class.

IN THAT year Dundee established himself in battles with such good 'uns as Eddie O'Keefe, Kid Julian, Joe Wagner, Tommy Houck, Packey Hommey and Matt Brock, fought Charley White for the first time, and gave an interesting account of himself in a no-decision bout with the new featherweight champion, Johnny Kilbane. Dundee, in fact, shaped up so well in that meeting with Kilbane that Montieth decided to go after the Clevelander for a title match.

It was in California that Kilbane had taken the championship from Abe Attell, so it was out to California that Montieth headed with Dundee.

Tom McCarey, promoting in Vernon, offered to pair Dundee with Frankie Conley over the championship route, 20 rounds, the winner to be given a crack at Kilbane's title.

Dundee never had travelled beyond ten rounds, but Montieth, confident of his protege's ability to whip Conley, regardless of the distance, and eager for the match with Kilbane, accepted terms.

Dundee stopped Conley in the nineteenth, and uncovered such an impressive performance that Promoter McCarey immediately opened negotiations with Kilbane for a title match.

While the championship bout was pending Montieth and Dundee returned to New York, where Johnny kept in action in battles with Eddie Morgan, Willie Jones and Special Delivery Hirsch. Then word was received from California that Kilbane had accepted terms to defend his title on April 29, 1913, in Vernon.

At the close of 20 spirited rounds, Referee Charley Eyton declared the match a draw, but the majority of those present felt Dundee had won.

It was not until he faced Criqui in New York, ten years later, that Dundee was given another chance to win the featherweight crown. Kilbane, during his long tenure as ruler of the 126-pound roost, studiously avoided another meeting with the Scotch-Wop.

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THE first knockout ever registered against Dundee was the startling one-rounder scored by Willie Jackson in Philadelphia early in 1917.

Jackson, a New York youngster, had become a popular attraction in the six-rounders then permitted in the Pennsylvania metropolis. Willie was a fast, flashy boxer, but not rated a particularly hard hitter, and Dundee figured to be too ringwise for him.

But strange things do have a habit of injecting themselves into this boxing business at times.

In the very first round, Dundee, bouncing off the ropes, his arms dangling by his side, ran smack-dab into a lusty right that caught him flush on the chin and toppled him over for the full count.

Jackson never was able to repeat that performance. In the next four years he and Dundee figured in one of the ring's most celebrated series. Altogether, they fought a total of 109 rounds, spread across ten battles—four in New York, two in Jersey City and one each in New Haven, Milwaukee, Newark and Boston.

How evenly the rivals were matched can be gleaned from a peek at the records. Five of their scraps were of the no-decision variety, with very little to choose between Johnny and Willie in any of the meetings. Of the five decision bouts, four wound up in draws and Jackson was a close winner in the other.

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DUNDEE'S toughest battle?

"There were so many tough ones, it isn't easy to pick the toughest," he says, frankly.

But, upon reflection, the Scotch Wop is inclined to give the nod to a 20-round brawl with Joe Rivers in Vernon late in 1914.

In Dundee's book, Rivers deserves rating with the all-time lightweight greats.

"And could he punch!" Johnny grins ruefully, as he recalls that battle.

Rivers, christened Jose Ybarra, has been variously referred to as Mexican and Indian. He probably was a blend of both. In 1912, he figured in one of the ring's most heated controversies. Fighting in Vernon for the lightweight title, he was leading Ad Wolgast in points when, in the thirteenth round, both rivals scored simul-

taneously. Rivers whipped over a vicious right to Wolgast's jaw as Ad drove a right to Joe's body. The result was one of those rarities in boxing—a double knockdown.

Referee Jack Welsh started to count over both men, but at four he seemed to realize that neither would be able to rise at ten, so he reached down, lifted the unconscious Wolgast to his feet, and held the champion up while he counted Rivers out.

But, getting back to Dundee's meeting with Rivers:

As Johnny himself tells it, he had injured his left hand in training three days before the bout. He and Montieth intended to request a postponement, but learned from the promoter, Tom McCarey, that this was the last date available. Since McCarey already had gone to considerable expense with the show, and Dundee and Montieth didn't want him to take a loss, they decided to go through with the bout. Even with one good hand, Johnny felt he could win.

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"GUESS I was too cocky for my own good," Dundee confesses. "What a lacing I took in the first half of the scrap!

"At the opening bell, Rivers came tearing out of his corner and before I knew what happened, I was doubled up with a murderous left hook to the body.

"I think that probably was the hardest punch I ever was hit. Yes, I know Jackson knocked me out later, but that punch wasn't as powerful as the one Rivers drove into me. Willie just happened to catch me 'on the button', and except for a momentary explosion I passed out without feeling much of anything.

"But that hook Rivers sank into me nearly tore me apart. How I ever stood up under it, I'll never know. It seemed to take everything right out of me. My legs felt like they were shackled to half-ton weights. I couldn't move them.

"For ten rounds I was given one of the worst beatings of my life. My face was cut and bleeding and my body sore from Rivers' vicious body pounding.

*Sid Terris, who shared with Dundee the honor of fighting the last main event in the old Garden.*

"But I kept plugging away, and the tide suddenly seemed to change at the half-way mark.

"Maybe I got my 'second wind.' Maybe Rivers had punched himself out. Whatever it was, I started to come on while Joe faded, and in those last ten rounds I threw everything I had at him—even my bum left hand!

"I was given the decision, but it was a tough win in as tough a fight as I ever had. My left fist was so badly swollen, Montieth had to cut the glove off, and the next day, when we dropped around for our $3,000 check—boy, that was big money in those days!—I could hardly see out of the bandages that covered my face!"

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AN UNSOLVED mystery of Dundee's career was the cause of his break with Montieth a few years later. The real story of the smashup of the beautiful friendship between manager and fighter never has been revealed. Whatever the reason or reasons, Scotty and Johnny dissolved partnership and during the closing years of his active career, Dundee's affairs were handled by a varied assortment of managers, among them Joe Jacobs and Jimmy Johnston.

It has been estimated that during his long and colorful service in the ring, Dundee's earnings grossed in the neighborhood of $700,000—an elegant neighborhood at any time.

But, unfortunately, not much of it is left today. Poor investments cut heavily into Johnny's once robust bankroll. He managed, however, to salvage enough to assure him a modest living for the rest of his days. He lives quietly with his family in a comfortable home in the Orange Mountains of New Jersey, and retains a keen interest in boxing. Dundee is a frequent visitor to Jacobs' Beach, and no fight show in Madison Square Garden would seem complete without his presence.

The prize ring could use a few Johnny Dundees these days. But fighters of the Scotch-Wop's ability don't happen more than once in a lifetime.

# Ike Stands Supreme as Lightweight King (Continued from page 3)

rights to body, jaw and ribs, and the man who has been called the world champion in New York by virtue of his victory over Beau Jack, a commission-made titleholder, sank to the canvas, helpless as Williams was pulled away by Referee Charley Daggert, who immediately took up the count in unison with the official knockdown timer.

The count had reached eight when Bob began to show signs of rising and at the final wave of the referee's hand, signalling the end, Montgomery got up, but too late to save himself from a knockout. Valiantly he tried, even grabbing the ropes in an effort to pull himself up in a superhuman effort, but it was all in vain.

Thus passed from the picture the New York and Pennsylvania "world" titleholder, and for the first time in several years a universally recognized champion now headed the lightweight division. And once again, the man chosen as its top representative of the division came through in triumph for the National Boxing Association.

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IN THE preceding five rounds my tally gave Williams four of the five rounds. He did a beautiful job in jabbing his opponent with frequency and when he found himself cornered he fought back hard. His opponent landed many effective body blows at close range, at which style of fighting Montgomery had the better of the milling, with it was Williams' aggressiveness and effective long-range jabs that paved the way for Ike's victory.

He outboxed and outfought Bob most of the time. Ike sustained a deep cut over the left eye in the second round, but the flow of blood was sufficiently checked in subsequent rounds to enable him to carry on without much interference.

Bob tried to wear his rival down with the blows to the midsection, but he failed. Crouched as in all of his battles, he came in at all times making a play for the stomach, but it was only now and then that his strategy worked because of the effectiveness of Ike's left jabs.

A check of the three officials' cards showed that Monty had won only one round and that, in the opinion of just one official.

Frank Knaresborough, judge, and Charley Daggert, referee, had Williams sailing along with a lead of five rounds to none. The other judge, Harry Laskey, gave the third round to Montgomery and the other four to Williams.

A breakdown of the gate showed net proceeds of $129,709, with Montgomery collecting 30 percent or $38,912.95 and Williams $32,427.46, which represented 25 percent.

# FIRPO'S FIND MAKING GOOD

## *Kayo King of the Pampas, Abel Cestac, After a Poor Start in America, Is Rapidly Climbing Up on Leaders—Argentinian Can Take It and Can Sock*

*By* NAT LOUBET

HE'S a rangy chunk of beef from Chivilcoy, Argentina, a muscular son of a "chabrero" or tenant farmer, and is the youngest of eleven children. His name is Abel Cestac, and he stands six feet four. He is the owner of a chopping right which when it lands, can do considerable damage.

The subject of this sketch is not a world beater, nor can he be regarded as a sturdy contender for the crown worn by Joe Louis, but his recent bouts in this country do indicate that he has learned much since first coming to this country and that if he continues to improve, he'll be with the topnotchers before the year ends. He made his start in South America as an amateur with Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, as his mentor.

There are many stories in circulation as to where and how Firpo made his discovery. One account has it that Abel was conscripted into the Argentinian army for his year of military service, compulsory to all youths of that land, and that while so employed, he was asked to move a cart that would ordinarily have taken a squad (eight men) to lift. As the story goes, he moved the cart but hurt his hands while so doing and was sent to the military hospital for treatment. The medic who handled the case was awed by the young man's stature and the size of his hands, which were at least twice the size of normal fists, and he passed this information on to Firpo.

*Abel Cestac of South America.*

Firpo, a boxing enthusiast, took Cestac in hand after his release by the army and taught him how to box, after which he moved him along to notch out thirty-nine kayoes out of fifty-six amateur fights. Then he broke the boy into the professional ranks and after a string of wins in South American rings he was sent up to Jack Dempsey for Jack to handle the youngster in the United States.

It will be remembered that Dempsey and Firpo had put on one of the most thrilling fights ever to be pulled off when they met at the Polo Grounds in New York City in September, 1923. Jack had been knocked through the ropes by the South American only to come back and swarm all over Firpo. In the second round Dempsey put Firpo away.

It was a friendship born out of that contest that caused Firpo to send his heavyweight hope to Dempsey for guidance. Unfortunately, Jack was an officer in the United States Coast Guard by the time Cestac arrived, therefore Max Waxman, Dempsey's manager, took up the reins of the new "Wild Bull."

Abel arrived with a travelling companion, an Argentinian newspaperman by the name of Horacio Estol. Estol hired Whitey Bimstein to show the boy the ropes and polish him up.

In his early bouts he exhibited a potent right and showed that he could take it, but he was a green kid with little knowledge of the finer points. He lost a few fights, was stopped by Newsboy Millich and Buddy Walker, scored nine kayoes and won a decision over Big Ben Moroz, then like most men in a strange land, Abel got that old feeling of homesickness and returned to the old country.

Now, once again, Cestac is back in the United States, determined to better the records of the South American heavyweights who have been most impressive at the turnstiles, among them Luis Firpo, Vittorio Campolo, Alberto Lovell, all from Argentina, and Arturo Godoy from Chile.

The lad from South of the Equator is being handled by Pinky George, Mid-West sportsman, who asserts that Abel has learned how to use both hands now instead of only his right, that he has become fast mentally as well as on his feet, and has developed ring savvy.

As this is being written, Cestac's current visit here embraces 15 bouts, of which he has won 13 by knockouts and one by decision. Abel's only defeat—a 10-round verdict taken by Kid Riviera in Omaha—can be attributed largely to the fact that the giant Argentinian fought too soon after a tough siege with the 'flu, and he hadn't entirely regained his strength. At that, it took a pretty fair fighter to beat him. Riviera is regarded as one of the best of our younger heavyweights; only recently he whipped Johnny Skhor in St. Louis.

While none of Cestac's victims could be rated as title contenders, several of them are better-than-average performers, and experienced in ring competition. Among them are Clarence Jones, who was knocked out twice in Omaha; Walter Hafer, flattened in Chicago; Buddy Thomas, stiffened in Des Moines, and Hezzie Williams, who was kayoed in Chicago.

Aside from Riviera, the only opponent Cestac has failed to knock out is Bill Weinberg, and the Bostonian was beaten decisively by the South American in Minneapolis, all of which shows that Abel is able.

Pinky George is an old, experienced hand in the boxing business, and isn't as a rule given to enthusiastic outbursts over any fighters he may be handling. So his summary of Cestac is deserving of serious consideration.

"I'm not claiming Abel can whip Joe Louis now," he says, "but in another year or so, at his present rate of progress, I'll be mightily disappointed if the big fellow doesn't prove himself worthy of a crack at the world championship. He is learning in every bout, and gaining confidence as he goes along. With his natural strength and terrific punch, Cestac right now shapes up as one of the best bets we have for future heavyweight title consideration."

Not since Jim Jeffries retired in 1904, with no more fistic worlds to conquer, has there been a greater paucity of outstanding heavyweights than there is now. Joe Louis so completely dominates the field that the champion is talking of quitting the ring in another year.

But—a lot of things can happen in a year. And it is not entirely beyond the realm of possibility that one of those things will be the development of Abel Cestac into a title contender.

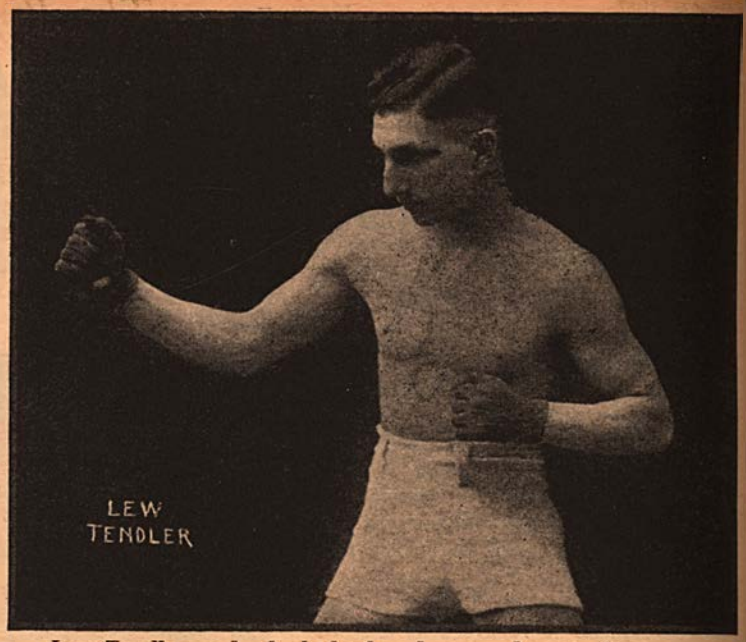
The big fellow, from down Argentina way, has the build, the punch—and that very vital box-office asset, color.

The other half of the hemisphere is anxiously and hopefully following the career of its latest knight in fistic armor.

# BOXED SEVEN CHAMPS BUT NEVER HELD *a* CROWN

## *Lew Tendler, Rated One of the Greatest Southpaws of All Time, Came Close to Winning the Title When He Fought Benny Leonard*

*By* CHARLES LESEMAN




***Lew Tendler as he looked when he was close to the top as a lightweight.***

ALTHOUGH he boxed seven men who were world champions, Lew Tendler, the Philadelphia southpaw, never acquired a title himself, but had he attained the championship goal for which he tried and narrowly missed, his life could not have been replete with more color or filled with more zest than that which marked his career.

Lew Tendler, the little newsboy who was ridiculed when he first sought his fortune, became the hero in a saga of boxing renown, and he hasn't outlived the fame he found. Today he still enjoys the esteem poured on him by thousands of friends and sports fans.

During the last thirty years the name of Tendler, who was the fight game's outstanding southpaw, has become a by-word in Philadelphia. Since his retirement from the combat of the roped square, Tendler has been highly successful in numerous business ventures. Now 49, he is the owner of one of the largest restaurant-tavern establishments in the East.

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ONLY recently, Tendler observed the 25th anniversary of his historic clash with Benny Leonard for the world lightweight championship. Lew engaged in 167 fights. In addition to Leonard, the champions he met included Pete Herman, Johnny Dundee, Rocky Kansas, Pinky Mitchell, Mickey Walker and Joe Dundee, but his bout with Leonard in which Benny talked him out of the title is the most memorable.

Tendler and Leonard fought twice with the lightweight crown at stake each time. It is their first meeting, which took place on July 27, 1922, that has precedence in Tendler's memoirs. The two great lightweight rivals were brought together by Promoter Tex Rickard at Boyle's Thirty Acres, in Jersey City, on the same battleground where one year previously Jack Dempsey had defended the heavyweight title against Georges Carpentier in boxing's first million dollar gate.

Nobody dreamed of a battle of lightweights approaching the financial height of a heavyweight gate, but Tendler and Leonard drew close to a half million in gross receipts, and on the merit of its thrills, the contest surpassed the spectacle provided by Dempsey and Carpentier.

Under a Jersey boxing law that was in existence, no decisions were allowed, hence Leonard merely had to protect himself for twelve rounds to retain the title. Only a knockout could grant an official decision, and it was Tendler who came closest to achieving this.

Leonard, in his training camp at Budd Lake, N. J., had confidently predicted he would stop Tendler. He outboxed Lew, but the Philadelphia southpaw was tougher and gamer than Leonard had expected him to be. In the eighth round, Tendler's famous left found its target on Leonard's cheekbone. Had that punch landed a few inches lower, Tendler probably would have been lightweight champion of the world. Leonard was hurt. He sagged until one knee touched the canvas, but quickly regained his equilibrium without taking a count. Tendler sensed that Leonard was in distress and rushed in to finish him off, but it was here that Benny proved himself the best talker.

Leonard's remarks completely distracted his opponent. Benny escaped the danger of the Philadelphian's punches and retained his lightweight championship.

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AFTER the fever of their first battle, it was inevitable that Tendler and Leonard should meet again. They were rematched over the 15-round distance at Yankee Stadium, New York, on July 23, 1923, and Leonard gained the decision after a superb display of boxing. The second meeting produced no thrill comparable to Tendler's eight-round rally at Boyle's Thirty Acres.

Eighth rounds seemed to be of some significance in Tendler's ring career. It was in the eighth round that he came close to winning another title when he boxed Welterweight Champion Mickey Walker, in Philadelphia. Tendler's left to the chin staggered Walker. For a brief instant Lew again had a title within his grasp, but as in his battle with Leonard, the prize again eluded him.

With their ring conflicts past, Tendler and Leonard developed a cordial friendship. During the late war, the pair made 14 exhibition dates to boost bond sales and entertain servicemen. In each exhibition, they put the gloves on and stepped through two or three rounds as nimbly as though they were reliving the momentous occasion they shared at Boyle's Thirty Acres.

Leonard's recent death in New York was saddening to Tendler, who had deep and sincere respect for the man against whom he twice failed in his quest for the lightweight crown.

"He was the greatest lightweight in the game," said Tendler in his eulogy of the late Benny Leonard. "He was a fine sportsman, and in his death, I've lost a wonderful friend."

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TENDLER'S ring career began in 1913 when he was only 15 years old. Lew's father, who died in 1908 after a long period of illness, barely made an existence for himself and his family as a tailor in South Philadelphia. Lew was only six years old when he took a post at 15th and Market Streets in Philadelphia to sell newspapers and earn additional substance for his parents.

Growing up with the boys in the street, Tendler was involved in frequent fights for which his mother constantly chided him. Tendler's associates, however, encouraged him to continue fighting and persuaded him to participate in a bout at Diamond Lew

*Lew Tendler, the Restaurateur, as he looks today.*

Bailey's Broadway Athletic Club. Inspired by the success of Mickey Brown, a newsboy colleague who had turned his fistic talent into profits at the Broadway club, Tendler forgot his mother's admonishment and embarked in earnest on a ring career.

Phil Glassman was head of the Philadelphia Newsboys' Association, and Tendler often sought him out as a counsel for his problems. Glassman had an interest in the management of several local pugilists and knew all the fight promoters in Philadelphia, so Tendler asked him to talk to Lew Bailey about a fight at the Broadway club. Glassman arranged for a bout for Tendler at Bailey's club, and managed him for 15 years until Lew retired from the ring in 1928. Had not Glassman thought differently, Tendler's birth name might never have been recorded in boxing annals.

"I had planned to box under the name of George Little," explained Tendler. "I made up that name for myself and was going to use it, but Glassman decided that it would be better for me to use my own name."

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TENDLER'S first opponent was the same Mickey Brown who was champion of the Philadelphia newsboys. They engaged in a six-round, no-decision bout, and Lew, who weighed but 102 pounds, was so pale and slender that his entrance into the ring provoked an outburst of laughter from the fans. Such a reception would have been enough to discourage many youngsters, but Tendler demonstrated his ability and soon won the admiration of those who had laughed at him and regarded him as a joke.

Tendler sold $35 worth of tickets to his fight with Brown on an agreement that he would receive 50 per cent of all he could sell. After the fight, he trudged home, nursing a black eye, but with $17.50 in his pocket. His mother was vexed when she saw the telltale shiner her son bore.

"Lew, you've been fighting again!" she raged.

"Yes, mom, but this time I got paid for it," he said.

When he dumped the $17.50 in her lap, his mother was amazed. That was more money than the Tendler family had seen in a long time.

"Lew," she asked simply and with all maternal affection for her son, "do you always get paid when you fight at a club?"

Tendler rose rapidly to fame. In 1914, when he was only 16 and had been in the ring one year, he received an offer to box Johnny Kilbane for the featherweight championship, but Manager Glassman voted against it, feeling that Lew was not mature enough for such a bout.

Tendler figured in a real boxing rarity—a feud involving two southpaws. Good left-handers aren't too frequent in the ring, and it is seldom that two of them become headliners in one division at the same time. But when Tendler was beginning to establish himself in the top brackets, one of his main rivals was another portsider, George K.O. Chaney of Baltimore, also popular with Philadelphia fans.

It was inevitable that they would meet. And they did—twice. In 1918 they fought a six-round no-decision bout, but the following year Tendler definitely settled the issue by kayoing Chaney in the first round.

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BY 1919, Tendler had grown into full size as a hometown celebrity, but he yearned to visit other cities and see the country outside of Philadelphia. The silent movies of the day helped his imagination. At that time there was a beautiful young actress playing in a picture called "The Hoodlum." This gorgeous female was Mary Pickford, on whom Lew Tendler had a secret crush.

Hoping that by some chance he might gain an introduction to Miss Pickford, Tendler urged Glassman to take him on a trek across the continent to the West Coast. Young Tendler arrived in Denver, Col., for a bout with Stanley Yoakum only a few days after President Woodrow Wilson had been there on a speaking tour in behalf of the League of Nations.

Denver's newsboys gathered at the railroad station to greet Tendler on his arrival. They even had a band present, and Judge Ben Lindsay, the juvenile court authority, headed the reception committee. Driving through Denver, Lew noticed that the streets were decorated with flags and streamers. The whole reception was intoxicating for a young fellow who had never before been so far away from home.

"Gee!" exclaimed Lew. "This is too much. All those decorations for me!"

"Those decorations are not for you," explained Lew's host. "President Wilson has just been here and they were for him."

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IN all his ring battles, Tendler was knocked out only once, and that was by Jack Zivic, whom he beat in a return bout. Tendler was one of the few southpaws who could jab and hook with his right as well as an orthodox fighter can with his left. Lew never tried to change his style. Today he still holds a fork in his left hand.

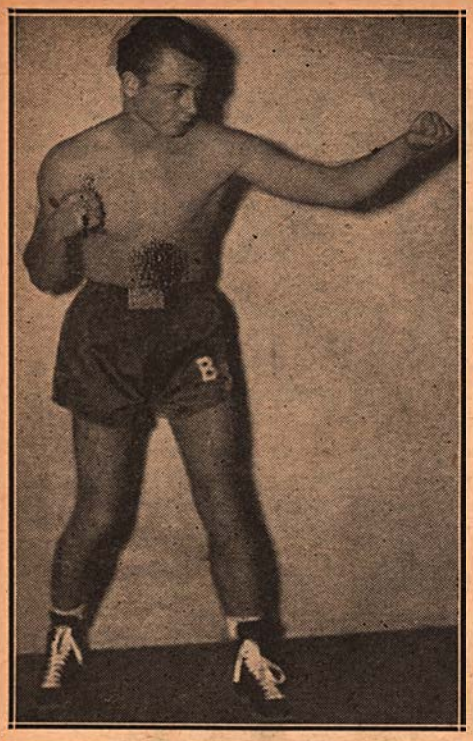
Tendler dabbled in several business ventures after his retirement from the ring. He was a real estate agent and he also had a haberdashery store, but it was not until he opened his restaurant, that he attained his business acumen. Lew's restaurant served as the impetus for other retired fighters to enter this business. Jack Dempsey visited Tendler's place, and shortly thereafter opened his dining oasis in New York. Tommy Loughran and Mickey Walker followed Tendler as restaurateurs, but they later liquidated their assets and turned to other endeavors.

Tendler also has a restaurant at Atlantic City. This establishment is managed by his son, Philip. Lew has three sons, including Philip, Roy, who was a college football player, and Milton, 18, who is a boxer and hopes to pick up in the ring where his father left off. The Tendler family tree is still growing, as Lew now has three grandchildren.

Since Tendler's ring days, many famous fighters have been developed in Philadelphia, but once Lew's successors passed from their fistic height, most of them were forgotten. Not so with Lew who, although he never won a boxing crown, is still called the "Champ" by Quaker fistic followers.

# NEW FACES

*By* HARVEY BRIGHT



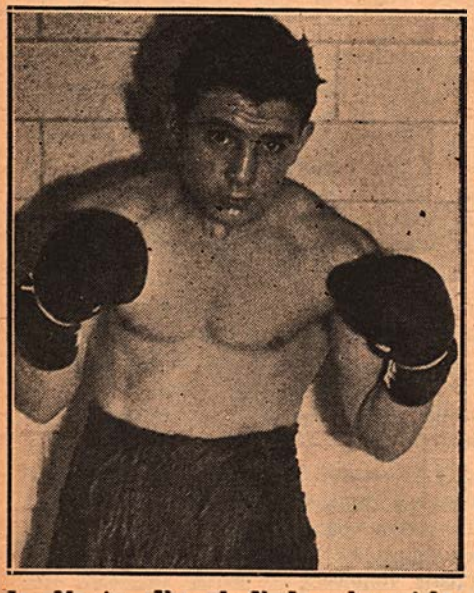
*Billy Sheridan, Portland, Maine, featherweight.*

### JOE MARTINO

NEWARK, N. J., which long has been a prolific developing center for outstanding boxers, is becoming quite interested in the progress of young Joe Martino, a welterweight. Joe is only a kid, so far as ring experience goes, but in his first year of professional battling he displayed a natural aptitude for the sport.

In thirteen starts, he has suffered two losses, and been held to a draw once. Garry Williams and Young Junior hold wins over him and George Branch fought Martino to a draw. The youngster's victories were registered at the expense of Domingo Reyes, Jim Grier, Sam Carter (twice), Jim Dockery, Booker Tullis, John Darby (twice), George Branch (second fight), and Freddy James.

Tommy Ross and Jack DeAngelis, a pair of experienced campaigners who know a lot of the answers, have Martino in tow, and they are positive the youngster is headed for important places in the fistic world.



*Joe Martino, Newark, N. J., welterweight.*

### SONNY BOY WEST

BEING confined to a wheel chair has proved no handicap to Mel Stevenson, of Washington, who is establishing himself as one of boxing's outstanding developers of young boxing talent.

One of Stevenson's most prominent products is Smuggy Hursey, whose recent victories over Billy Arnold, Aaron Perry and Bee Bee Washington have moved him into the higher brackets of the middleweight division.

Now Stevenson has come up with another boy who seems destined for prominent places in the fistic world. The youngster, christened Alfred Donald West, but operating as "Sonny Boy" West, is only 18, but already has begun to attract serious attention as one of the brightest prospects to flash across the pugilistic horizon in recent months. Incidentally, West happens to celebrate his birthday on the same day as Joe Louis—May 13—which may be an omen to the "hunch players."

West was 16 when Stevenson started him in the amateurs, and within a year the youngster had fought himself out of competition in the simon pures. Turning professional in January of this year, Sonny Boy proceeded to run off an impressive string of triumphs in Baltimore and Washington that earned for him THE RING's nomination in June as the "featherweight prospect of the month."

West isn't likely to remain in the 126-pound ranks very long. He is growing rapidly, and even as this is being written he is moving up into the lightweight class. He probably will develop eventually into a middleweight.

In his first eleven bouts as a professional, Sonny Boy chalked up seven knockouts and four decisions. His best known kayo victims were Jimmy Brown, Tommy Reed, Reds Gaddis, George Junior and Chico Rodriquez, while three of his point triumphs were accounted for at the expense of Billy Reed, Joey Longo and Paul Reed.

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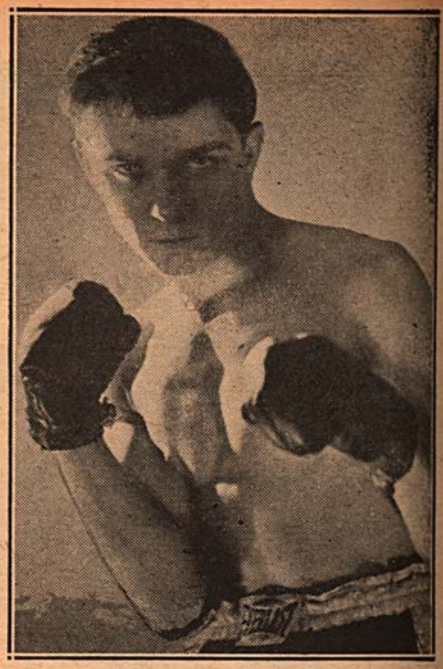
### HAL McCASKELL

THE Deep South is rich in new talent, with Hal McCaskell and Tony Rojo two of the most promising of the newer crop.

McCaskell is a welterweight from Savannah, Georgia, who engaged in twenty-two amateur bouts while in the service winning sixteen, losing four and drawing twice. Since turning professional McCaskell has donned the padded mittens eleven times, defeating Al Young, Bobby Wingate, Adrian Paggett, Red Cone, Freddie Masters, Rudy Cassidy, Joe Nadeau and Tom Kilpatrick in their rubber meeting. Kilpatrick had taken the duke in their previous outings. Hal's only other loss was to Jack Lisle.

The Savannah lad is only nineteen years old and is being seasoned by his manager, Tom Eady for the day when he is ready to "shoot the works" for the big time.



*Hal McCaskell, welterweight from Savannah, Ga., who shows promise.*

Tampa, Florida, boasts a sweet bantam by the name of Tony Rojo, who in a little over a year of professional campaigning, has had nineteen straight wins, thirteen via the knockout route. The baby-faced bomber was born in Tampa sixteen years ago and is the second Rojo to take to the squared circle. Tony's elder brother, George, is also in the beak bashing biz.

By virtue of his string of victories, Tony won a place as the prospect of the month in the January issue of this magazine.

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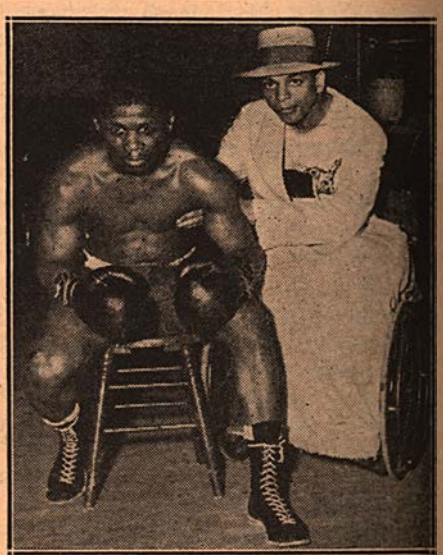
### BILLY SHERIDAN

PORTLAND, MAINE, has a promising featherweight in Billy Sheridan whose picture-book style is smooth and dangerous. Maine fans compare him to Buddy Hayes, a sharp mitt tosser in the Northeastern fistic horizon.

Sheridan has notched eleven wins out of fifteen pro encounters. He lost three and drew once. He is handled by Eadle Dambrie.



*Sonny Boy West (left) and his manager, Mel Stevenson.*

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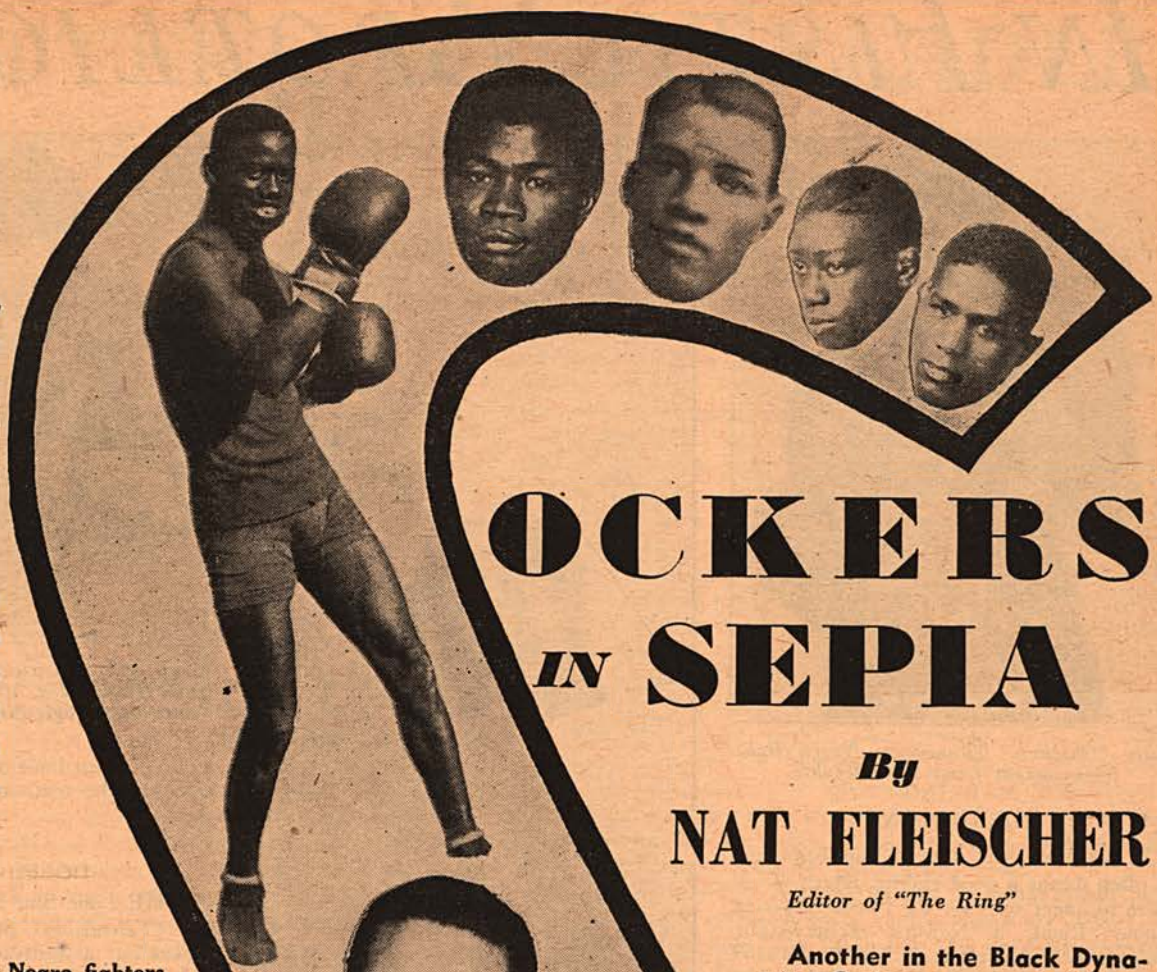

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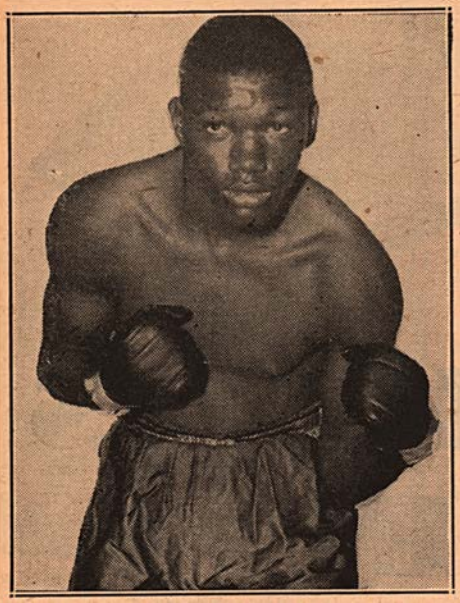
# IN FISTIC SPOTLIGHT

By HARVEY THORNE



*Billy "Chicken" Thompson, Negro light-heavyweight from Philadelphia.*

### BOBBY PLANT

IT has been said that a bad beginning often means a good ending, which would seem to auger well for the future of young Bobby Plant, a Newark welterweight. Bobby's first pro effort in the ring wasn't attended exactly by "bad" results, but they weren't too encouraging, either. The youngster lost a four-round decision in Elizabeth. But that was the only verdict to go against him in his first year of battling.

Plant's rise has been rapid under Stanley Joss' managerial wing. Bobby, who shifts his allegiance now between Newark and Coney Island, has already reached main-bout status at the smaller clubs in the metropolitan district, and Manager Joss is enthusiastically predicting that within another year the youngster will be up on the big time.

A fast, busy sort, with a robust punch in either fist, Plant's outstanding performances so far include knockouts of Garry Williams, Ray Jackson, Kenny Hilton and Billy Strauss, and decisions over Eska Mosley, Eli DeLoach, Joe Lucignano and Ernie Petrone.

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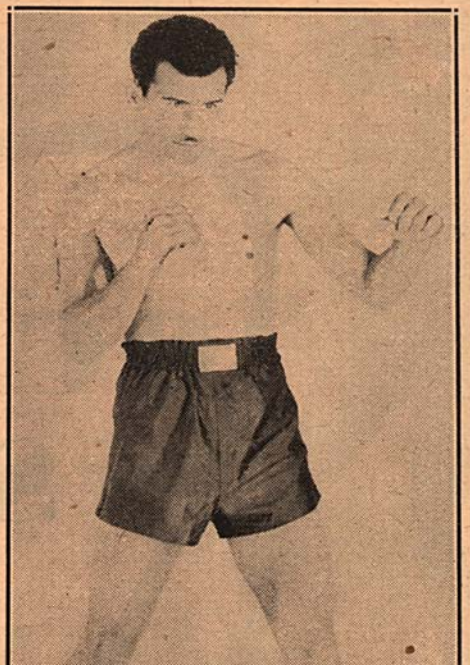
### TONY MAR

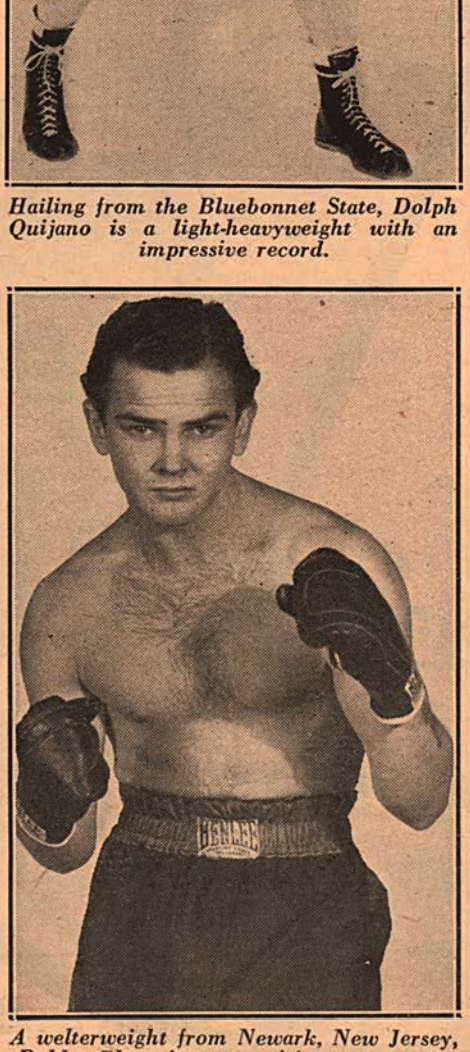
NO newcomer to the squared circle is Tony Mar, the Mexican-Chinese lightweight from Hermosillo, Mexico. Tony is currently the rave in Southwest Texas and Mexico where his accurate hitting and good boxing have resulted in all wins this year. He has triumphed over Nick Moran, Anthony Arnone, Luis Vera, Humberto Zavala and Bob Ford in rotation.

Mar's record is a long one spotted with many good victories over opposition like Aldo Spoldi, Rudolfo Ramirez, Gene Spencer, Kid Gavilan and Carlos Malacara, among others.

Tony's campaigning has culminated in his being considered as one of the best lightweights in the pugilistic scene in the South.



*Hailing from the Bluebonnet State, Dolph Quijano is a light-heavyweight with an impressive record.*



*A welterweight from Newark, New Jersey, Bobby Plant is a promising youngster.*

*Tony Mar, Mexican-Chinese lightweight from Hermosillo, Mexico, who has broken into that magic circle of rated fighters.*

In the August issue of this magazine he was rated as the tenth best lightweight in the world.

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### DOLPH QUIJANO

THE Lone Star State uses the motto of "Friendship" but in Dolph Quijano, Texas has a light-heavyweight who is the prime example of the saying that "From Texas comes the fightinest men." Dolph can punch like a battering ram, is game, and his boxing ability is improving with every fight.

This magazine tabbed Dolph as a prospect early in his professional career, to be exact, in the May, 1946, issue. The lad from El Paso was then fighting under the sobriquet of Al Valez which he later changed to his real name, Dolph Quijano. The Texas "sock boy" has more than made good in his quest for top billing. By virtue of his recent wins over Ray Augustus and Deacon Logan, Quijano has won for himself a rating among the first ten of the world's light-heavyweights.

Quijano's record is an impressive one with only three losses against twenty-three wins, of which seventeen were via the knockout route. Two of Dolph's defeats were early in his career. He lost to Darby Dan in St. Louis and to Joey Maxim in El Paso. His other loss was to Deacon Logan but he evened the score in his last go, a decisive ten-round return match.

Texas may well be proud of this lad who has caused comment not only on his fighting prowess inside the ropes but also on his gentlemanly demeanor outside the squared circle.

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### BILL (CHICKEN) THOMPSON

PHILADELPHIA is the City of Brotherly Love, but Bill (Chicken) Thompson, a 20-year-old citizen of the Quaker domain, has made no effort to demonstrate it in the ring. The Chicken, a Negro light-heavyweight who was born in West Philadelphia, has been extremely hos-

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# LETTERS *from Our* READERS

WHAT you said in "Facts and Figures," THE RING, May, 1947, are facts and figures all right but for every alleged fighter you named in your story, you should have also named the fighter's manager. It should be remembered that there are unscrupulous and nefarious men making money out of having these boys headed for blindness, punch-drunkenness and the insane asylum. They deserve censure and should be known to the public.

Your boxing record book should be in the hands of every boxing fan, boxing commission, sports writer.

DAN MORROW,
University City, Mo.

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FOR many years, up to the black year of 1939, I was a regular reader of your Magazine, rightly recognized as the foremost boxing magazine in the world. Letters of mine on Freddie Miller, then featherweight champion of the world, and Jack Sherry, the famous wrestler, appeared in your notes, and I have pasted in my scrapbook a treasured letter from you.

In the year of 1939, the lights of Europe went out one by one, obliterated by the Nazi menace, until only this country alone, stood against what was world domination. In the desperate battle for mere existence, such things as THE RING Magazine had to be put reluctantly aside, and boxing columns gave way to columns of war orders.

However, even horror must come to an end, and now I'm reading THE RING again. In England, except for those of your forces who were stationed here, you can hardly visualize what vast changes have taken place. Food is even now far more severely rationed than during the worst of the "Blitz". Food prices have increased 27½% even during the last few months. Fuel cuts stopped factories in the whole of this island working for over three weeks in the winter of this year. It was our Industrial Dunkirk. Magazines such as yours were not allowed to be published for over a month, and when published, did not equal two pages from your own RING Magazine.

This is not a wail from the "Old Country" for even in our blackest moments, we have faith in ourselves. The late F. D. Roosevelt was one of the few, who in our direst need, still had faith in us, and we did not let him down. We will come through, have no fear no matter what happens, for the old Lion still has "Guts" even if he is a bit out of shape.

However, I am wandering away from the point, and it is this—when your May issue of THE RING arrived I was truly amazed. I had thoughts of a much smaller edition, cut not quite as badly as ours are, but still cut. I thought the writing would have deteriorated, and indeed I did not anticipate THE RING being even a shadow of its former glory. Instead, I received a magazine equal to pre-war and in my humble opinion far better. The first shock was the drawings of Corbett and Fitzsimmons on the cover. These were really magnificent, and as an artist myself, I recognize their greatness.

Going through the magazine page by page, your greatness as a Boxing Bible was well up to whatever you had ever published previously, there was no deterioration in any way, advancement yes. Allow me, as a previous pre-war reader making a "Come-Back" to your magazine after so many years, to congratulate you on what is a really first class publication, equal to any high class society magazine, and by far more interesting and readable.

Finally Mr. Fleischer, during the war, in Liverpool I organized over 500 Variety Shows for the troops of all nationalities, including many for the American Red Cross, and enjoyed every moment of it. I would deem it a favor for some American friend to correspond with me, if this is at all possible, perhaps some one interested in what I am interested in would be happy to swap boxing magazines, or write on boxing, and among other topics, variety, catering (which is my work), politics (unbiased), and cartoon work.

RUPERT RICE,
Hunts Cross, Liverpool.

THE Graziano-Zale embroglio is over and it does present an avenue for reflections.

Graziano is a fighter, a puncher, his one aim is to throw the gloves and keep on doing so until he beats his adversary down.

Zale has been classified as a fairly stiff puncher with a background of experience plus scientific ability as a boxer.

Zale, if he refreshed his memory at all, knew his first fight with The Rock brought him victory on a lucky punch, a blow which did not give Graziano time to get his wind before the ten seconds were up. He should have realized there and then his one hope of winning, was punch plus good boxing.

What did he do? He stood his ground with Graziano and socked. He put his punch against that of Graziano and it was minus.

I'll never understand why after the third round, that Tony Zale did not elect to use all his knowledge of boxing talent and wear The Rock down from that point especially when the challenger had his eyes so cut and smashed he had little vision. For Zale to stand toe-to-toe with a man still in his full strength and elect to fight it out was to my mind a sorry example of minus mentality.

Where would Corbett have been had he stood up to slug with Sullivan? It was Corbett's elusive boxing that almost attained for him his second world's championship when he fought Jeffries. When, the last time they met in San Francisco and he elected to fight Jeffries, he was stopped in the tenth round.

He had Fitzsimmons in trouble through his boxing up to the time Fitz got over the lucky punch. How long would that fight have lasted had Corbett elected to slug it out?

Sharkey had Corbett in trouble in San Francisco when Corbett thought he could exchange blow for blow with the sailor.

Tunney, in his fight with Dempsey, won by out-boxing Jack. Although at that, Dempsey knocked the "Shakespeare idol" out in Chicago—that is in ten seconds count, and ten seconds is still, in my book, ten seconds.

What did Tunney do when he got up? He "got on his horse".

I could go on endlessly to present examples where a scientific man in the ring has one and only one salvation against a fighter and that is to outscore him, cut him down slowly but with a certain deadly effect.

Johnson had that. Leonard had it. Gans had it. And, here again we could go on and on to present instances.

All Zale needed to do after the third was use his head and not for a punching bag. He elected, with his man in distress, to stand up and slug, and give Graziano a chance to hit him even with his eyes shut. Can you beat that for a champion of Zale's ring experience?

Graziano is a fighting champion but I really doubt if he has the wherewithal of Zale. I think when The Rock takes on Cerdan, if such a bout is made, you will see one whale of a fight along the lines where two men slug it out—but I still think, and will for some time, that had Zale used the brains he was born with he would have been the champion today.

I hope Graziano is welcomed back by the New York State Athletic Commission. Here is a case of a lad being barred indefinitely for his failure to report a bribe offer to throw a fight which never took place. What, Nat, is the penalty for accepting a bribe when you get what The Rock got for not accepting it? You are a man of national influence. Why not campaign now for his return to the ring? Surely, no matter what his faults, six months' suspension for doing nothing, is sufficient punishment. The game can well use Rocky at present. It needs a colorful figure such as he is. Let's have him.

VINCENT WOODBURY,
San Antonio, Texas.

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# Making Weight

*Goldfield as it looked before Tex Rickard and his pals organized the club that staged the Gans-Nelson battle.*

*(Right) The same city as it looked when the Gans-Nelson bout was staged that wrecked the Baltimore Negro physically because of weight making. It brought on tuberculosis that eventually led to Gans' death.*

## *Has Done More Harm to Boxers Than All Other Dissipations Put Together—Ended the Career of Many Famous Boxers*

*By* THE RING EDITOR

IT'S easily done, but take the advice of those who have been through the mill and don't do it. We have reference to weight making. It's the killer of many a fine boxing prospect, has been the ruination of many men and women in Hollywood and other picture colonies, and in the long run, can do more harm than all the hard liquor, late hours and other dissipations put together, It often serves its immediate purpose but at a most costly price.

Some fighters can get away with it, but making weight has put many pugilists out of the picture. Sometimes they do come back after having learned their lesson the hard way, but more often they are through. There are a number of cases on record where making weight has caused the death of the individual who has gone through the mill, and others where the fighter has weakened himself to such an extent that he never again was able to carry on with any degree of success.

There are certain lucky individuals whom Nature permits to grow to a certain poundage and establishes them at that notch. They know almost within the pound, how much they can take off to get within a definite weight limit and they remain serenely comfortable in the knowledge that so long as they are professionally active, they will never be limited by the fear that unwanted flesh will be piling up on them. On the other hand there are other fighters who must stick to a definite, rigorous diet, sweat their very souls out in strenuous gym work and road work to keep their class rating or to meet the scale requirements in a contract entered into between the fighter and his opponent.

Such was the recent case of Jake LaMotta, who, in order to obtain what he figured was a lucrative fight with Tony Janiro, agreed to come in at 155 pounds, a figure most difficult for him to make without sustaining physical injury or coming into the fight in a weakened condition. That he made the mark, in fact came in below those figures and carried off the honors after handing his opponent a severe shellacking, proved that he is a superhuman being. Only in three rounds did he show the effects of the weight making, and thereafter, he was the LaMotta of old.

*Tex Rickard, sitting third from left, and his colleagues in the mining state of Nevada who financed the Goldfield fight on Labor Day, 1906. To the right of Rickard is W. C. Clark, designer of the arena.*

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FOR a time it appeared that Jake would rather lose his forfeit of $15,000 than take the punishment which he was inflicting on himself. He openly boasted that he would scale

*Battling Nelson, who forced Gans to make 133 pounds ringside with all fighting togs on.*

*Jake LaMotta, most recent of the weight-making fighters who pulled down below 155 to meet Tony Janiro.*

*Tommy Loughran, who wisely gave up his light-heavyweight crown rather than to continue to make weight at a sacrifice of health.*

close to 160, his normal weight, and permit the forfeit to go to his opponent because he still could pick up an easy $5,000 and at the heavier weight trounce Angel-Faced Tony. But Jake fooled everybody by weighing only 154¼ and in his battle he showed little of the wear and tear to which he was subjected in his long training grind.

"But, never again," says Jake. "I'll never again be so foolish. I did it this time because no one would agree to fight me. Tony Janiro, of all the fighters, stepped forth to accept my challenge, and I don't blame him for asking me to drop so much weight, since he is only a heavy welterweight.

"I couldn't eat or drink a drop of liquid for twenty-two hours before that fight and, boy, if you want punishment, you go through what I had to suffer. I knew I could make it if I let up on my food and drinking water, but I'll admit it was a far tougher job than I had expected. But it's all over now and anyone who wants to fight Jake LaMotta from now on, will have to take me as I am, a middleweight and not force me to dry out, to stint myself on food and otherwise do unnatural things. I'm through with that."

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IN that respect LaMotta followed the line adopted by Tommy Loughran when he was forced to make weight to defend his light-heavyweight title. The light-heavyweight king, who when he fought Leo Lomski and Pete Latzo for the title, was forced to undergo considerable hardships to keep within the class limit, had become convinced that his health would be impaired and his fighting quality reduced if he continued to make weight every time a championship match was arranged for him, and he informed his manager, Joe Smith, that he was through fighting as a light-heavyweight.

"I know I can lick most of the heavyweights and I'm sure that I can do better as a heavyweight," he informed his mentor, "and from now on (this was in 1929), I'll stick to the higher division." Thus he retired as king of the light-heavies rather than go through another hardship in making weight.

"I couldn't eat nor could I take any liquid food before weighing in for the Braddock bout," he said, "and on the morning of the contest I had to submit to the tortures of a Turkish Bath. When I weighed in," continued Tommy, "I got into a cab and drank a quart of cold beef broth, and water, unlimited. Then I had a big dinner on a friend's yacht before the fight. I must have put on at least ten pounds and when ring time came, I believe I scaled around 184 pounds. But you know, that kind of weight doesn't do anybody any good, especially if he is a fast, clever fighter, as I was. I was dead on my feet after ten rounds."

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THE Tommy Loughran of those days could undoubtedly clean up the entire division of present day heavyweights except Joe Louis. He wouldn't score any knockouts, but he could win readily via the decision route after giving each a lesson in the art of ducking, blocking, feinting, and getting in the tap just in time to foil the sock of the opposition. That was Tommy's specialty.

He was a master in the art, a close second to Gentleman Jim Corbett. Many of the old timers who watched Corbett in his prime, including my father-in-law, the late A. D. Phillips, one of the keenest students of boxing I have ever known, expressed the opinion that Loughran was almost on a par with Corbett in the science of boxing. That is a tribute of which any boxer may feel proud.

Built like a powerful hitter, with heavy shoulders and thick arms, he early developed the idea of outpointing his man, and in later years when he might have also developed a sock, he never cared to indulge in close range fighting. He was well satisfied to score points the scientific way and he did, even against the cream of the men of his division of whom he fought many. Even the most dangerous punchers who faced him, often were made to miss by a mile. They tried hard, but Tommy always beat them with his jarring taps before they could get set for the kayo wallop.

The Tommy Loughrans in boxing are few and far between. What a promoter wouldn't give to have Tommy in the field today! He would be a tremendous drawing card in the heavyweight ranks.

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THERE was the case of Joe Gans, so well known to the fight public, but worth repeating here because of the recent LaMotta-Janiro mill. Gans was at the height of his career, but there wasn't any one available to give him a fight. Hence he fought welters. He took Joe Walcott on for the welter crown and though the decision was a draw, there were many among the spectators who figured Gans had won the battle by a fair margin.

Then along came Tex Rickard to cast his lot into the promotion field. Battling Nelson was an out- *(Continued on page 33)*

# NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

*By* "STANLEY"

WHEN wrestling was wrestling, and not exhibitions, THE RING gave the game the full recognition it deserved. Wrestlers were even rated according to their ability. Today, the mat game is no longer considered a sport—it is a burlesque. The outcome of bouts are predetermined so as to have the best appeal at the boxoffice. Yet, with all this common knowledge, fans write letters to this department insisting that we recognize their favorite as world champion.

We would like nothing better than to have a champion of the world in the wrestling field, but that is impossible under present conditions. This column is devoted to bringing you the news in an up-to-date manner. We try to inform you of new faces in the sport and keep you up to date. But as far as trying to pick out the champion of the world, that is taboo. THE RING recognizes no wrestler as champion. We show preference to no one.

Let us forget about champions in wrestling until the sport is organized so as to give us one internationally recognized king.

Wrestling so far this year has played to big attendances. Most all of the small clubs in the New York area are showing before packed houses and the promoters are having a field day.

Jim Londos, still being booked as champion, is now on the West Coast packing them in as usual. Londos must be worth over a million dollars. Like old man river, he just keeps rolling along. The present-day wrestling circuit takes in New Zealand and Australia as well as all the big cities in America. When a lad decides to become a wrestler, he might as well be prepared to lead the life of a sailor. No telling where the promoters are likely to ship him.

It is common practice to have a wrestler start a tour in New York then proceed to Buffalo, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Sydney and Melbourne. In many cases boys are sent to London and Paris from New York.

The modern air age has done a great deal for wrestling just as it has done a lot for everything else.

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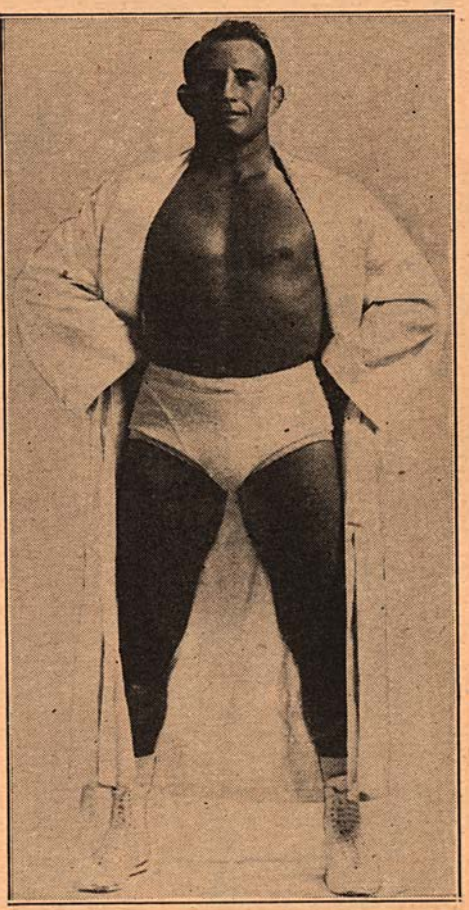
OF the new crop of youngsters Ace Abbott stands out as a matman with a bright future. Born in the Lone Star state of Texas and a college graduate, Ace is the clean-cut type welcomed to the sport. Abbott has wrestled all over the United States. He depends upon his knowledge of holds to win bouts. Standing only 5 feet 8 and one-half inches tall and tipping the beams at 194 pounds, he meets all comers regardless of size and experience.

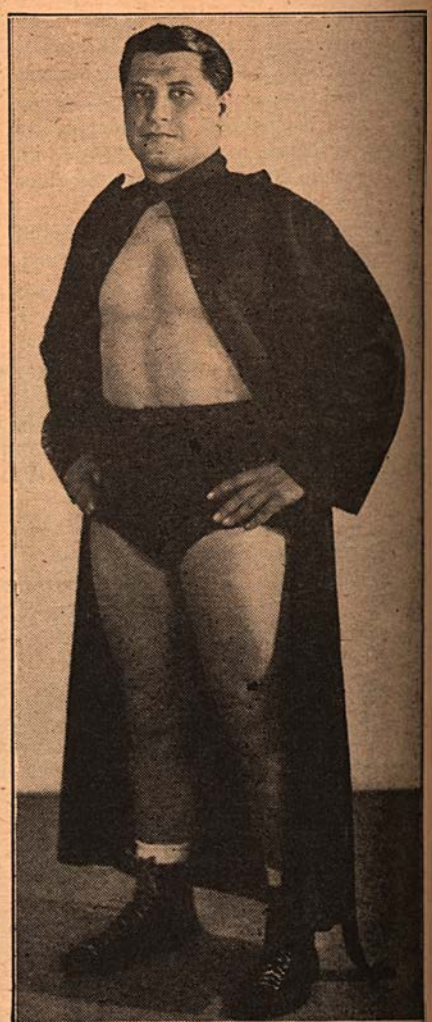
Cliff Gustafson the Swedish heavyweight is being billed as a throwback to the great Frank Gotch. Both men had the same physical makeup and about the same amount of strength, but in our book that is as far as the comparison goes. Gotch was without an equal, and his name will go down with the other all-time greats in the world of sport.

It is all right for publicity men to try to build up their charges and have their name kept before the public, but when comparisons of this type are made it is an insult to the mentality of sports fans. We believe Gustafson is a good wrestler, about as capable as any in the game today, but

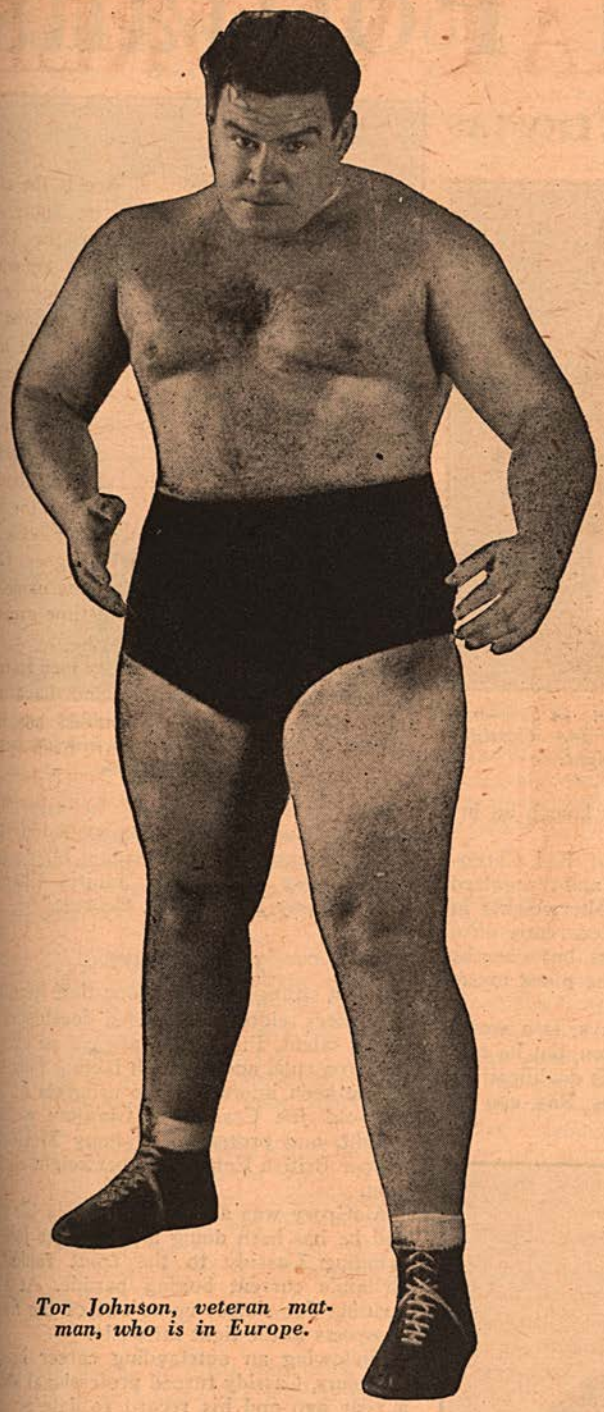


*Ace Abbott, a clean cut youngster with a bright future.*

*Maurice LaChappelle, the popular French veteran who is going better than ever on the West Coast where he is a top attraction.*



*Fred Blassie, former sailor who depends on his knowledge of wrestling to win matches. Fred is well known in the Middle West.*



*Tor Johnson, veteran mat-man, who is in Europe.*

let's keep him in his own class and not jump him into the all time hall of fame.

Tony Galento has cleaned up since he switched to the mat game. Always a big drawing card either in the ring with gloves on or without them, Two Ton Tony has set records in most of the towns he has shown in. Galento has that one all important asset so necessary to become a success, "Showmanship."

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MAURICE LACHAPPELLE, the popular Frenchman, has become one of the best attractions on the Pacific Coast. A veteran of many years, Maurice is the spectacular type who always has the crowd on his side.

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We wonder what has become of Jack Sherry, one of the finest gentlemen of the mat we have ever known.

Henie DeGlane is now in France, where he is billed as Heavyweight Champion of the World. If he lives to be a hundred, and no matter how often he is defeated, DeGlane it seems, will always hold the title. Strangler Lewis is still active in the ring.

Ray Steele also picks up a few extra dollars whenever he needs them by getting his togs out of the mothballs.

The Dusek tribe are taking California by storm in tag team bouts. Montreal is becoming one of the best westling towns in North America. George Temple is taking a rest and word has it that he might be taking leave of grappling for good. George did quite well for himself while touring the nation.

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NAT PENDLETON, the ex-wrestler turned actor, is getting some new pictures to work in. Nat is a fine man for tough parts. With years of motion picture experience behind him, Pendleton should be loaded with acting jobs and his recent return to the screen in the Abbott and Costello pictures was good to see.

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A suggestion that the wrestling ring be made larger has come in from the mid west. We believe that the 24-foot square official ring of today is plenty large enough for the boys to show their stuff. Making the ring any larger will tend to slow down the action and that would be the worst thing for wrestling. Action and more action is the secret of modern day wrestling so let's keep it fast and furious.

Man Mountain Dean, the bewhiskered Southerner who made over a million dollars as a wrestler and movie actor, applied for a job as an instructor in the Veterans' Administration physical reconditioning program but was informed that he needed more schooling. Dean is now attending evening classes at the University of Georgia.

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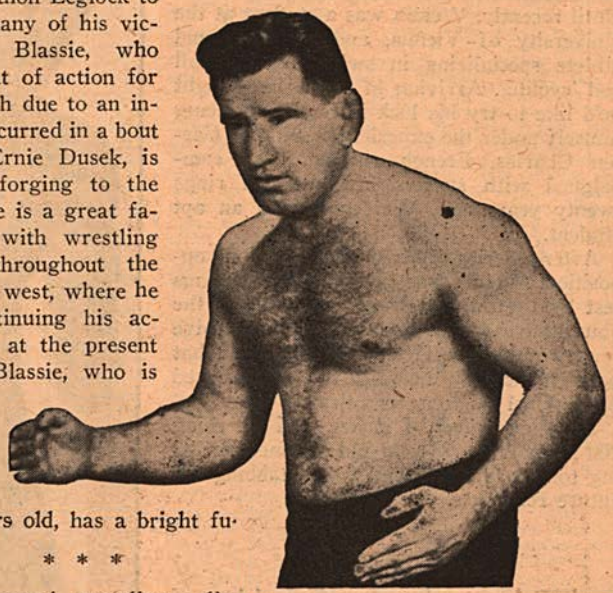
ANOTHER new name in the ranks of professional wrestling is Sailor Fred Blassie. Blassie was recently given his discharge from the armed services after serving 42 months in the United States Navy, 14 of which were spent in the Pacific theater of operations. Blassie started his wrestling career while in the navy.

He won the Championship of the 7th Naval District, defeating every man he was called on to face. While stationed at Port Huneme, California, he embarked on his professional career. He climaxed a sensational season, before being shipped overseas, by winning the Pacific Coast Heavyweight Championship over the more experienced Hans Schnabel.

Since returning from the service Blassie has resumed his wrestling career and is the proud possessor of a spectacular string of victories. His style is fast and clean and he has used a devastating Python Leglock to gain many of his victories. Blassie, who was out of action for a month due to an injury incurred in a bout with Ernie Dusek, is again forging to the top. He is a great favorite with wrestling fans throughout the middle west, where he is continuing his activities at the present time. Blassie, who is 24 years old, has a bright future.



*Jack Sherry, one of the better wrestlers of the past two decades.*

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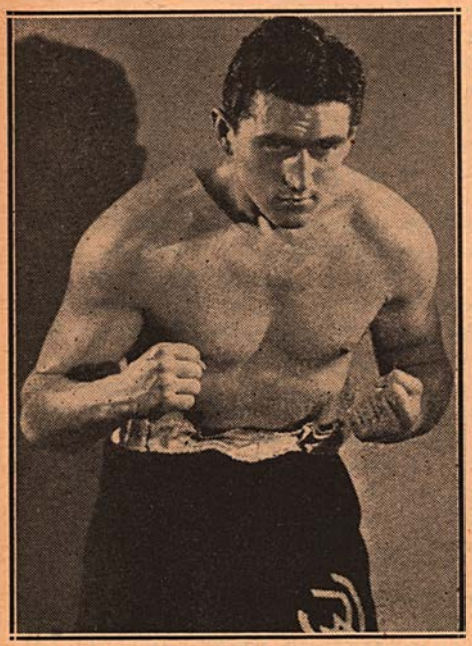
# International Portraits

*By* WALTER THOMAS



*Former University of Vienna student, heavyweight Jo Weidin is showing impressive form in Paris rings.*

IN an era dominated by the shades of war, news of the sport of men, the common bond of peoples all over the world, that of boxing, has been meagre, but once again as the lights are lit around the globe, boxing is coming into its own. The news of foreign talent is beginning to simmer with newcomers and some of the old guard who are making their bids for fistic fame.

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### JO WEIDIN

THOUGH unknown so far in international competition, a name that promises to hit the heavyweight headlines one of these days is that of Jo Weidin, a young Austrian, who is beginning to attract serious attention in the boxing circles of Paris. Until recently, Weidin was a student at the University of Vienna, and an all-around athlete specializing in swimming, football and 'cycling. Arriving in Paris, he thought he'd like to try his luck in boxing. Placing himself under the experienced wing of Gaston Charles, French veteran, who campaigned with success in American rings twenty years ago, Weiden proved an apt student.

After a series of victories over minor opposition, Weidin was given his first serious test by the durable Denis Juliani, and the youngster came through with an impressive seven-round kayo victory. He followed that performance by holding the experienced Dane, Carl Nielsen, to a draw.

Standing 6 feet, 4 inches, and weighing 200 pounds, the 23-year-old Viennese is being touted as a lad well worth tabbing for future reference.

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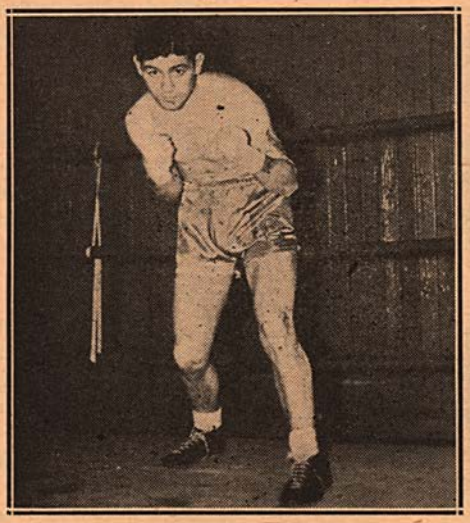
### RAY CASTILLO

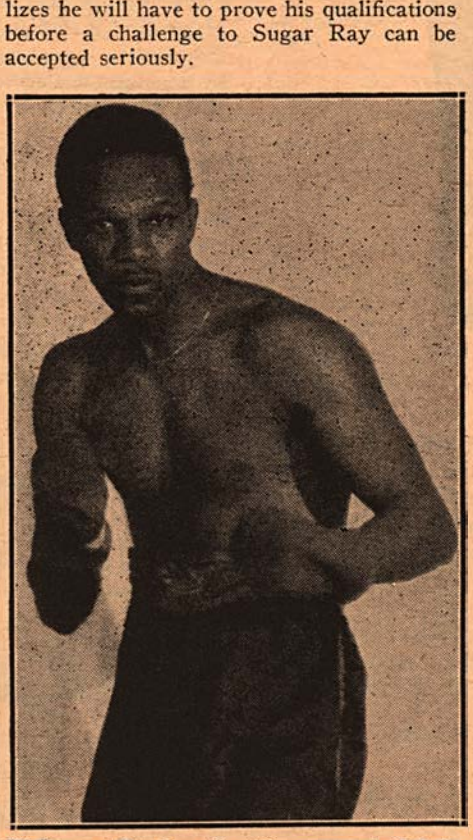
THE spectacular American debut of featherweight Miguel Acevedo, who kayoed Jackie Graves in two rounds in Minneapolis, is prompting another of Cuba's recent fistic developments to launch an invasion of the United States.



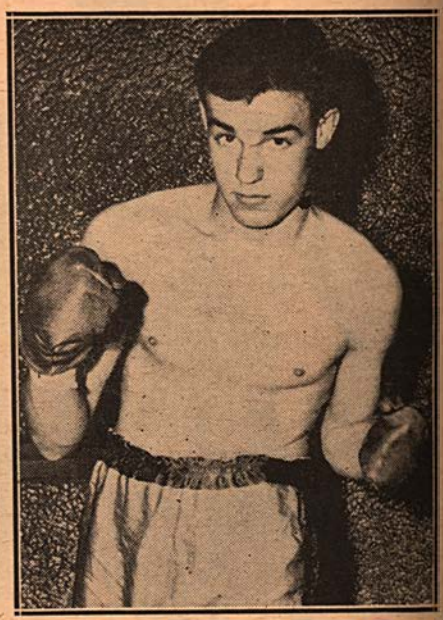
*Among better young prospects in Scotland is aggressive, hard-hitting Joe Cassidy, Glasgow welterweight.*

Ray Castillo, a product of Kid Chocolate's gymnasium in Havana, and recognized as one of the best young welterweights in the Pearl of the Antilles, is currently on a boxing tour of South America, but when he fulfills his contracts there, he plans to set sail for New York.

His main objective, he says, is a world title match with Ray Robinson, but he realizes he will have to prove his qualifications before a challenge to Sugar Ray can be accepted seriously.



*Welterweight Ray Castillo, one of Cuba's latest developments, is planning invasion of New York rings shortly.*



*Irish Bob Flannigan, 19-year-old middleweight, is latest Canadian to bid for headline recognition.*

"It's all right with me," he says. "To earn a chance at the championship, I'll gladly take on any of the leading 147-pounders—Tommy Bell, Tony Janiro, Charley Fusari, Tony Pellone and the rest."

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### JOE CASSIDY

IT is a strange fact that one-time headline boxers seldom prove good developers of young talent. But there's always an exception to a rule, and Scottish boxing fans are taking keen interest in the progress of 24-year-old Joe Cassidy, a Glasgow welterweight, and protege of Johnny McGrory, former British Empire featherweight champion.

McGrory was a grand fighter in his day and he has been doing an excellent job of bringing Cassidy to the front ranks of Britain's current boxing parade. At this writing, Joe shapes up as one of the finest prospects in the tight little isle.

Following an outstanding career in the amateurs, Cassidy turned professional about a year ago and his record to date reveals victories over such good boys as Tony Riley, Kid Andrews, Billy Watt, Dick Shields, Gordon Ashun, Chad Savoury, Johnny Proffett, and Danny McKay. His only defeats so far have been suffered at the hands of Jim Sheppard and Ric Sanders—but he has beaten both Sheppard and Sanders in other meetings.

Of Irish descent, Cassidy was reared in Scotland. During the late war he served in the British Mercantile Marine. He made several trips to New York, and on one visit attended a boxing show in Madison Square Garden.

One of his ambitions now is to make another trip to New York—and to fight in the Garden.

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### IRISH BOB FLANNIGAN

CANADA, which through the years has produced such outstanding ringmen as Tommy Burns, George Dixon, Frankie

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# Making Weight

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standing lightweight at the time and as he had laid claim to the "white lightweight championship," Rickard conceived the idea of pitting him against Gans. He offered a stack of $20 gold pieces for a Gans-Nelson bout, and Billy Nolan, manager of Nelson, accepted, figuring that Gans couldn't make the lightweight limit any longer because he had scaled up to 142 in his welter bouts. But Nolan soon learned much to his dismay, that Gans was rapidly getting into condition and coming down to the lightweight limit.

Whereupon, Billy, a shrewd business man, decided that a Gans in good physical condition, would not be a proper opponent for Nelson and he balked after the articles of agreement had been signed. He decided that Nevada was not the proper place to stage the fight and told Rickard that he would quit the state and call off the bout.

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RICKARD was flabbergasted. He sounded the warning note to Nolan. "If you do that, I'm afraid that it will be your last move," said Tex. And to convince Billy that he meant business, Rickard and his cohorts took Nolan to the outer section of Goldfield and showed him that the only way he could get out of the state would be by special stage and that no one in Goldfield would venture to take a chance on "hurting the feelings" of the inhabitants by removing him and Nelson from their midst.

Then Tex pointed to some bones. "You see them thar bones, Billy. Waal, they're the bones of fellers who tried to walk across the desert. There's no water here and they died. Them bones tell the story."

Nolan listened attentively while Rickard's backers, fiddling with their guns, took the situation in.

"If you try to pull your man out of here," said John Richardson, one of them, "I'm afraid that somebody will get so disappointed they'll just shoot you and Nelson full of holes. We'd be sorry, of course, but I reckon that would happen. You'd better go on with the fight."

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THOSE words were too convincing for Nolan to toss aside. He was satisfied by now that Rickard and his backers meant business, but since he realized that he had to remain and have Nelson fight the Baltimore Marvel, he would insist that Gans make 133 pounds ringside. Nolan figured that Gans either couldn't make that weight, or if he did it would weaken him to such an extent that he would be easy prey for Nelson. He therefore put his proposition up to Rickard but added the stipulation that it must be ringside weight with full fighting rig, including shoes. No weighing in stripped.

Rickard was angry. He didn't like to ask that of Gans, yet he wanted that fight to go on because of what it meant to Goldfield as an advertising medium and after pleading without success for Nolan to drop that stipulation, he went to Gans and put the matter up to him. He knew what a tough time Joe had in getting down to weight and didn't expect Gans to consent, but the Negro willingly gave in to oblige Rickard.

ON the morning of the fight Gans found that he scaled 135 and having already gone the limit in punishment in reducing, he was exceedingly weak, and still had two pounds to take off. He had to bake and boil and go without water until it was time to weigh in, ringside, just before the fight. He didn't have the chance that Jake LaMotta and Tommy Loughran had to drink a quart of broth and have a hearty meal to regain some of the lost stamina. He went into that fight with tongue dry and his dried out system trying frantically to sop up the little water he dared down before going to the scales—just enough to quench his thirst.

Gans whipped Nelson in spite of that dirty manoeuvering and continuous fouling after forty rounds of fighting under the blistering desert sun. But it was a physically wrecked Gans who finished that fight and left Goldfield the next day.

What he had been forced to do, brought on consumption. He was beaten twice by Battling Nelson after that when he had nothing left but his skill and his dauntless heart and he died not long after. Thus passed from the picture the man who by most fistic experts of the past, men who had seen the best of all lightweights perform, was considered the greatest lightweight of all time—the master technician whose cleverness and general ring ability have gone down in ring history as a model for others to follow.

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BENNY LEONARD, who recently passed into Valhalla, was another great fighter who had trouble making weight. He, like Gans, found it difficult to stick to the lightweight class limit. He seldom did it, but sometimes he had to.

More often, through the shrewdness of his manager, Billy Gibson, he arranged with his opponent to weigh in in secret and to have a definite weight announced as the correct one, although in reality Benny scaled far beyond the figures given to the public. Benny himself often acknowledged that such was the case in both of his fights for the title with Lew Tendler. They used to bake Benny down as far as they could without physical injury and let it go at that, often with the full knowledge and consent of the Boxing Commission, including those in charge in New York!

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PACKEY McFARLAND was still another fighter, who, great as he was as a reputed lightweight, seldom scaled within the class. Mike Gibbons' fine career ended practically with his weight making for McFarland in their celebrated bout at Brighton Beach which received widespread publicity as one of the worst ever staged in New York. Packey had retired, but with a fine purse as the stake, he consented to make a comeback to fight Gibbons, but demanded that Mike come in at a weight which he knew would weaken the St. Paul Phantom and he figured correctly.

On the day before the fight, several newspapermen, including the writer, accompanied Bob Edgren, the stake holder, to the training quarters of McFarland and in an interview, Packey remarked:

"Well, this is one time I've fooled Mike. He'll never make the weight and if he does, he'll be a sorry sight, easy pickings for me. I've heard about the tough struggle he's having and I expected it to be just that way."

On the day of the battle Gibbons was on the edge of a breakdown. His trainers were frantic. He had sapped all his strength in making the weight and had to dry out to such an extent, that all of his great fighting qualities were gone. He was burned out, physically and mentally and no one knew it better than did Mike.

He had reduced almost twenty pounds, from a middleweight to a welter in the hottest of New York weather and had run miles, morning and night at Brighton Beach, wearing heavy sweaters and on the day of the fight, he was forced to bake in a steam room to scale within the limit of the agreement. His skin was actually brittle, so dry was he. He went the distance, but couldn't fight a lick that night and he was through as a fighter from that time on.

Frank Erne, still around New York where he visits the gym quite frequently to see the boys of this generation work out, ruined himself when he made weight for Terry McGovern. He agreed to make 126 pounds for Terry though his normal weight was 133, and in a mid-summer heat, he burned himself out to such an extent that McGovern knocked him out in the third round. Erne thereafter was cautious about reducing. He stuck to his own class and never again accepted a contract in which he was forced to undergo reducing punishment.

## SPOKANE NEWS

By JIMMY TANSY

THE State Armory was the site of the battle in which Tiger Jack Fox K.O.'ed Bill Paterson in the sixth round.

The semi-final bout saw Leo Turner outclass and finally knockout Roy Kennedy, a green but willing light-heavy from Bellingham, Washington. Don Fitzgerald was defeated for the first time in the six-round special. His conqueror, Hal Holloway, had to go all out to turn the trick and a rematch is in order. In the best fight of the night, willing Al Wilder lost a narrow decision to Wayne Robbs, a good-looking bantam from Tacoma. The curtain raiser saw Ad McLean outbox and outpunch Joe Vallarano, the champion alley fighter of Spokane.

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Jerry McSwain proved he is very much more than a pretty boy from California by doing the thing least expected of him. Talk about a story book finish, this was really it. The fight started off in the usual pattern with Fox taking charge and setting a slow pace. Between rounds Jerry must have been told to make the Tiger come to him because every time Fox tried to lay on the ropes Jerry would stand in the ring center and wait until the ref ordered Fox to resume fighting. This kept on for four rounds in which the honors were fairly even. In the fifth, Fox started to open up and shook McSwain from stem to stern until the bell sounded a welcome respite. Tiger came out for the sixth intent on putting the finisher on Jerry. He threw punches from all and every angle and most of them landed flush on the chin, but instead of going down, Jerry forced Fox into the ropes, speared out with a long left and shot the most perfect right-hand seen in a long time. Fox took the ten count. A dull fight for five rounds but that sixth was worth the full price of admission.

Leo Turner and Joe Albina hooked up in the six-round semi-final and put on a classy exhibition. Turner emerged with the duke, but many were of the opinion that Albina was far and away the winner. Turner threw more punches in the latter part of the fracas, and though none did any damage this must have been the deciding factor since the first three were all Albina.

Don Fitzgerald got back in the win column via a six-round pasting handed to "Red" Garrison, Portland welterweight. Freddie Wallace, Seattle, stopped Bob Ford, an unorthodox heavyweight who hails from Portland. Cliff Gregory should hang up his gloves so that he can avoid taking any more beatings such as he received from Georgie Robb in the four-round opener.

Heard Around Ringside . . . Billy Townsend will reesume training now that his hand is in shape again. Joey Dolan is back in the gym.

# The Typical American

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with their old time accuracy, Dempsey never faltered. He showed a flash here and there, but not sufficient to offset the advantage of his rival.

No controversy in the history of pugilism has caused more widespread discussion than the historic "Long Count." The question whether Tunney's title had been saved by Referee Barry's error of judgement in starting the count of one after four had been completed because Dempsey wouldn't go to a neutral corner, or whether Dempsey had regained the crown, will be argued pro and con as long as boxing survives. The fact remains, however, that Dempsey personally had requested that the "neutral corner" rule be enforced in that bout, and since he was the one who refused to obey it, he had only himself to blame for that extra time given to his rival to recover in the seventh round after a right hook to the jaw sent Gene down.

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WHEN that fight was over, Dempsey decided his ring days had come to an end. He remained in retirement for two years and then started an exhibition tour that netted him $320,000 and then hung up his gloves for good. He decided to keep his name in the spotlight by engaging in public appearances as a lecturer, referee and in various charitable drives and he opened a restaurant which carries his name. It is a place generously patronized by people from all over the world. They flock there in droves to shake the hand of the former champion.

To them he is still the "champ" and they take a keen delight in being able to go home and say that they met Dempsey. All visitors are greeted by him with "hello pardner," an expression he brought back with him from the West.

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KILLING two birds with one stone, Dempsey makes certain that while on tour to aid some cause, he also is booked as guest referee either at a fight or in wrestling matches. Through his manager, Max Waxman, he has no difficulty obtaining all the work in that line which he thinks he can stand.

The promoters are hot on his trail. Jack's appearance means a sell-out house for the fight. The fans flock to the clubhouse, specially for a wrestling show at which the spectators consist of probably more women than men. Jack's job is twofold—to increase the interest in the sport among the old fans and to attract new fans —and he does both pretty well.

On these trips he has met all classes, from hoboes to millionaires. He probably has more friends than any athlete who ever graced a sports field. Wherever he goes, the panhandler knows that he has an easy touch in Dempsey and usually he plays Jack for the sucker to an amazing extent! He has given away thousands of dollars to the men of the road because he has always remembered his early days when a meal looked pretty good after several days of starvation. He just can't say no—that word is not part of his vocabulary.

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AN average day on the road for Dempsey follows this pattern: He arrives at his destination. A delegation, a reception committee, made up of sports writers, the local boxing promoters and his aides, the boxing commissioner, radio announcers and members of the Chamber of Commerce, in addition to hundreds of curiosity seekers are at the station to meet him. Many are old friends. Others he has never met before but all rush forth to shake his hands with a "Hello Jack, how are you?"

Then starts the tiresome job of autographing small pieces of paper, envelopes, a baseball, a boy's cap and even dollar bills just to prove that the owner has met the fistic hero! Boys are great autograph hunters but the women are even greater. One request usually starts a long line and the process continues after Jack reaches his hotel rooms.

Going to the hotel where he thinks he will have a little privacy, he encounters a flock of scribes ready to fire questions at him.

"How's the heavyweight situation, Jack?" "Do you think Joe Louis is on the downgrade?" "What about Rocky Graziano?" "Did he get a raw deal?" "Do you think a National Commissioner of Boxing is needed?"

Those are only a few of the many queries fired at him and to each he has a quick answer. Sometimes he gets crossed by telling one group in one city that Joe Louis is the greatest fighter of recent years and in another that Louis has a weak chin and cannot compare to some of the top men Dempsey had met when he was in his prime.

He doesn't remain long at the hotel. There is a meeting of some committee at the Mayor's Office and Dempsey has been asked to appear to say a few words to those in attendance.

Then comes a luncheon given by the Business Men's League at which he is the guest of honor. As an after-dinner speaker, they come no better than Jack.

There was a time when Dempsey shivered in his boots when he was asked to talk before an audience, but today, he is a calm, collected individual who finds no difficulty in saying exactly what he intends and whose words flow out of his mouth as if he were a born speaker.

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IN 1942, shortly after we entered the world war, Dempsey applied for service. He tried to enlist in the Army and then the Navy but without success. He finally offered his services to the Coast Guard and was immediately accepted.

His popularity with the youth of America aided considerably in the enlistment of thousands of young men who wanted to be in the same outfit with the "champ," and many when enlisting, pleaded to be placed in the camp over which Jack ruled as physical training director. That camp was at Manhattan Beach in New York and more than 10,000 boys were stationed there during each three months period of training.

So likeable an officer was Dempsey, that the Navy department asked him to plan a course of jiu jitsu, judo and Commando tactics for his men and Commander Dempsey did a swell job developing his boys into a fighting unit. When the morale of our men in the South Pacific was at low ebb because of our heavy losses at the hands of the Japs, the Navy shifted Dempsey from Manhattan Beach to the combat zone where he not only fought with his boys in the capture of Tarawa, but helped bolster the spirit of the lads by entertaining them with boxing shows, and the fight picture, "Kings of the Ring."

When he returned and was mustered out of service, he continued work for the government as a War Bond salesman, went to hospitals all over the country to entertain the wounded service men, bought a hotel in New York and one in Florida, became a director and a large stockholder in several distillery firms and above all, continued that of which he is extremely fond—refereeing.

He did a swell job following the Pearl Harbor episode in uniting Americans in a great war effort and the President of the United States personally thanked him for the part he played in selling $62,000,000 worth of war bonds. His standing as an entertainer, a morale builder for the servicemen, likewise was recognized by a departmental citation.

Jack Dempsey, the King of Heavyweights, remains the Idol of Fistiana.

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# In Fistic Spotlight

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tile to his ring foes. In 29 professional fights, he has won all but two and knocked out 15 opponents.

Thompson is a popular headliner at Promoter Jimmy Toppie's Philadelphia Met, where he stopped veteran Wally Sears and dropped each of his last three opponents, Jackie Cranford, Newton Smith and Wylie Burns, for the full count.

A stablemate of Bob Montgomery, Thompson fights under the management of Joe Gramby. The West Philadelphia clouter, who expects to outgrow the light-heavyweight division and bid for competition among the bigger boys, was discovered in the amateurs by Johnny Hutchinson, a Philadelphia lightweight contender of several years ago. Thompson was the 147-pound sub-novice diamond belt champion in the Philadelphia *Inquirer* tournament in 1944. He turned pro in 1945, and has been fighting under the Gramby aegis ever since.

Thompson's boosters figure that it will be a long time before he'll be ready for sterner opposition. but they accept his conquests of Cranford and Smith as indication of promise.

Against Cranford, Thompson was rated an underdog. He spotted Cranford advantages in weight and experience, but this didn't seem to bother the ferocious Chicken as he gave the Washington, D. C., heavyweight a thorough beating, knocking him down three times and finally for keeps in the sixth round.

Thompson acquired the name of Chicken because of his affection for chickens in his diet and as pets. His favorite pet was a game rooster that he raised in his backyard.

# International Portraits

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Fleming and Jimmy McLarnin, to list only some of the many, believes it has another embryo headliner in the person of 18-year-old Irish Bob Flannigan, of London, Ontario.

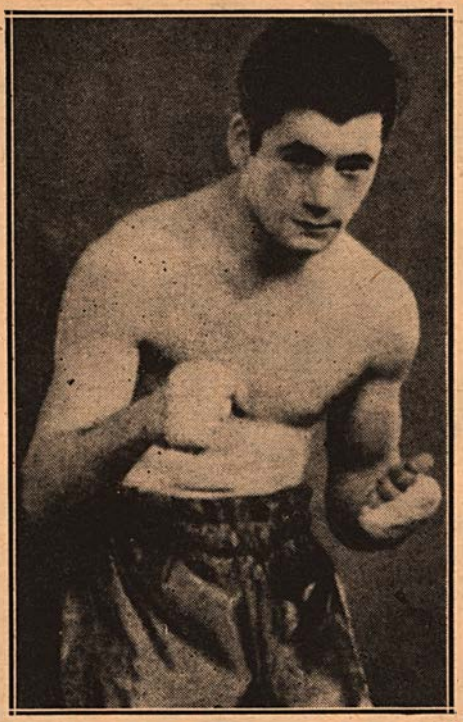
Now in his third year of boxing, Flannigan, despite his youth, already has established himself as one of the Dominion's best middleweights. How rapidly the youngster learns and improves is indicated by his record of having wiped out four of his six defeats in return matches.

One of Irish Bob's most recent and noteworthy performances was a decisive victory scored over experienced Pat Giordano of Toronto in an eight-rounder in London. The London *Free Press* account of the bout said that at the finish Giordano's "right eye was closed and his mouth badly puffed from the continuous pounding of Flannigan's sharp straight lefts and right hooks."

Irish Bob is described as a combination boxer-fighter, and a particularly hard hitter with either hand. More than half of his 50-odd bouts have been won by knockouts.

STAN ROWAN

BRITAIN may be having her difficulties with the bigger fellows in boxing, but she has no complaint about how her lighter boxers are faring on the international front these days.



*One of Britain's better bantams, and a real title threat, is Stan Rowan.*

One of the most consistent performers in the tight little isle is Stan Rowan, 22-year-old Liverpool bantam, regarded as one of the finest little fighting machines in the European theatre of fistic operations.

Rowan's success is largely due to the smart, clever handling of his manager, Harry Cromby, who has looked after Stan from his start in amateur competition seven years ago. Cromby, in no hurry to push the youngster ahead, has taken him along slowly and carefully, giving him every opportunity to learn his trade properly. And his sensible policy is beginning now to pay dividends.

In the two years he has been boxing professionally, Rowan has lost only two decisions in 34 starts. His outstanding performances have been knockouts of such good English boys as Jimmy Webster, Mickey Jones, Len Coffin and Teddy Peckham, and such "foreign" opponents as Joe (Boy) Collins and Tommy Madine of Ireland; Mickey Francis of Australia and Alex Sinnaeve of Belgium. He also has punched out decisions over Norman Lewis of Wales and Joe Cornelis of Belgium.

Rowan's goal at the moment is the British Empire bantam championship. If he succeeds in that quest, he plans to campaign for a world title match with Manuel Ortiz, or whoever may be champion at the time.

# Maker of Champions

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Bill brought Frank Moran back to New York from France and matched him with Coffey. Moran's Mary Ann ruined the Gael. Coffey made quite a lot of money here and went back to Ireland, where he set himself up as a gentleman farmer. A wise man was Jack from Roscommon.

This Coffey man had the Irish in New York by the ears. I never will forget the night he clambered through the old Garden ropes to be introduced before a heavyweight fight. There were about a dozen scrappers in the ring.

Joe Humphreys started to introduce a lightweight. The Irish in the house arose en masse and shouted," Coffey Furst!" until I thought the rafters would rise. Humphreys quickly corrected his tactical mistake.

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GIBSON took hold of Tunney after Gene had had a falling out with Jim Bagley.

Bagley was confident that Tunney could take the light-heavyweight championship and when the Marine came out of the war, was for rushing him into a fight with Battling Levinsky.

Tunney wanted to bide his time. I agreed with him. There was considerable discussion of the matter in the sports pages. I have a pencilled note which Tunney sent to me, thanking me for siding with him.

In any event, Gibson took hold, and soon Gene began that move which eventually landed him the heavyweight title.

When Tunney decided to retire unbeaten in 1928, Gibson went with him. He had made enough money to quit, and had in mind several things which had no bearing on the fight business.

Billy's zest for the ring had cooled because, when Tunney became champion, he cut Gibson's take from the customary one-third of the net to a mere 15 percent.

"No sense in hanging around a 15 percent business any more," said Gibson.

Too bad Gibson did not write the story of his association with Tunney—whom he admired intensely as a fighter and a scholar, but not as a lavish hand.

Too bad the real inside story of the Dempsey match in Philadelphia must remain untold.

Too bad that Billy Gibson has left the scene. He was a grand character, a square shooter.

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GIBSON had a vast fund of anecdote. About as interesting as any was his story about the fight in which Leonard knocked out Ritchie Mitchell in their first meeting, in Milwaukee in 1917.

The morning Gibson and Leonard reached Milwaukee, Benny complained of a stomach disorder.

"I don't know whether I can go ten rounds tonight, Gib," said Leonard. "I'll have to knock him out."

Incidentally, there spoke a fighter. A counterfeit would have asked for a postponement of the fight. This tale, however, does not concern Leonard so much as it does Gibson. Once he had got Benny to their hotel and put him to bed, Gibson set out to make a few bets that Mitchell would not go the limit. It wasn't necessary for him to journey far, since Mitchell was a great favorite in his home town, the citizens of which were confident he would beat the Easterner. In the hotel cafe Gibson overheard a prosperous looking patron offering to bet $5,000 on Mitchell at even money.

Now it chanced that Gibson's bankroll at the moment consisted of approximately $100, but he had no doubt he could borrow enough to cover the stranger's money. He approached him, said he would like to take the bet and was dazzled when the stranger slapped five $1,000 bills on the bar.

"Just give me a little time," Gibson pleaded. "I haven't got that much money now, but I'll get it. I'm Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager."

The look the stranger gave him was one of suspicion, but he agreed to wait—for a little while.

Gibson hurried to a telephone and called up the promoter, but the operator informed him the party didn't answer. He called up a friend of his. The friend was somewhere in Chicago. He called another friend. That friend was broke. Almost in a panic now with visions of $5,000 flying, as it were, out of the window, he sought the manager of the hotel. The manager of the hotel was out of town. His assistant, a very businesslike young person, was not acquainted with Gibson and couldn't, he said, take it upon himself to advance him $5,000.

He rushed back to the cafe. The stranger, obviously impatient, still stood at the bar, his money still lying before him.

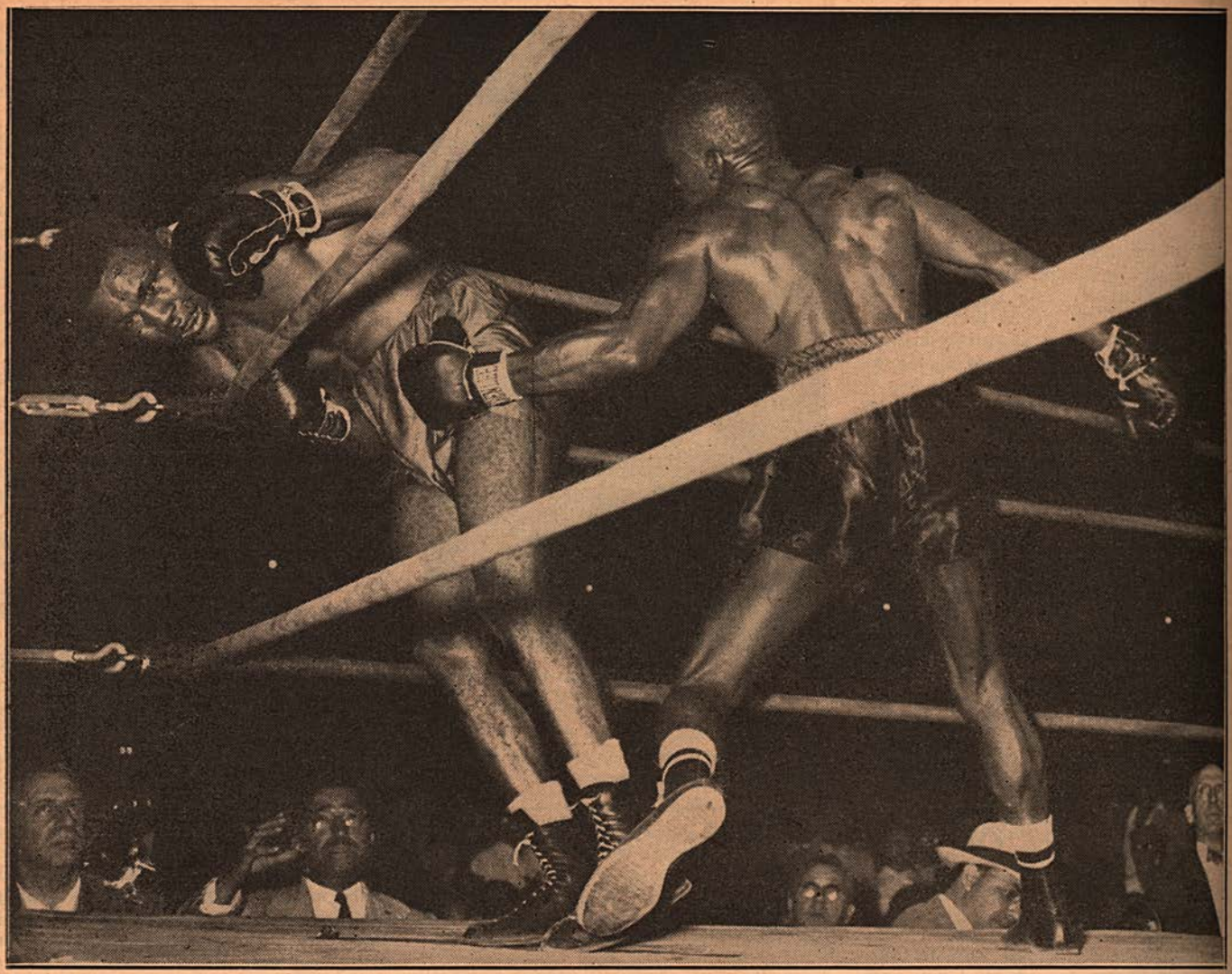
"Listen," said Gibson, "I haven't been able to get that money yet, but I'll get it later in the day. I'm—"

The stranger picked up his money.

"I know who you are!" he snarled. "You're a four-flusher and a faker. If I stayed here long enough you'd probably try to make me believe you are Napoleon!"

He turned on his heel and walked out, as Gibson, quite overcome, sagged into a chair.

Leonard knocked Mitchell out in the seventh round.



*The final assault in the bout between Ike Williams and Bob Montgomery which ended with Ike winning the world lightweight title by knocking out his Philadelphia rival in the sixth round. Bob is seen going through the ropes to protect himself.*

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"Spider" Mascall, follows: Tor Johnson, billed as "King Kong," en route to Sweden for a much deserved holiday, stopped off in London just long enough to win series two of the Harringay Arena tournaments sponsored to find the heavyweight champion of the wrestling world. Bert Assirati, English champion, won the first some months ago. Promoters plan to match the victors of these eliminating jousts in a final gigantic tournament to be run off some time this winter in London. Invited to compete will be Earl McCready, greatest of the Canadians; Frank Sexton, recognized in most territories as world titlist; Johann Ritchtoff, Sweden; The Angel, French horror-man; Reuben Wright, Primo Carnera and Harold Starr, the wonder-wrestler from Oregon State.

Mildred Zaharias, the immortal "Babe" of sportdom and wife of wrestler-cum-Denver promoter, George, was the front-page gossip in the English press this month. At Gullane, in Scotland, she walked off with the British Women's Amateur Golf trophy. . . . Abdul the Turk, gold-toothed, shaven-headed with a drooping mustache, is one of the best drawing cards over here. He's a heavyweight, specializing in the "back-breaker" body slam, and is on the first lap of a world tour.

Another is top-ranking junior-heavyweight Harry Brooks, fast-moving veteran, who hails from Huddersfield in Yorkshire. His favorite hold is the crucifix scissors.

Foreign wrestling mourned the passing of Daniel Assirati, father of the English world title claimant, and a powerful figure behind the sport in Europe. His death is regretted by all. . . . Carl van Wurden, mat master of a thousand locks and grips, has been forced to postpone his American tour until some time next year. He has engagements to fill in Sweden and elsewhere before considering offers by American promoters. . . . Add to your list of new matmen whose ringmanship is exceptional, these names: Jack Beaumont, Wigan; Harry Fields, a middleweight from Dewsbury, Yorkshire; Ray Bucovac, light-heavyweight champion of France; Bill Bailey, South Africa; George Kidd, Scottish welterweight, and Victor Coleman, youthful veteran with his eyes on the world's light-heavy crown.

Maurice Letchford, globe-trotting South African, once saw service with the American Navy. Former Olympic games champion, Letchford was the first to introduce the Indian death-lock in European rings. Now he's back again with a bagful of new tricks.

## RING QUESTION BOX

**Johnny Jones, Troy, New York**

Q.—Is there any book which tells how to judge a fight?

**A.—Yes—"How to Judge and Referee a Fight" from The Ring Book Shop.**

Q.—Does a referee have to take a round away from a fighter if he warns him for fouling?

**A.—No, not necessarily. He may warn a fighter if the latter offends, but if the warning calls for only a minor foul, the referee usually passes it over but will take the round away as a rule should it be repeated. When he does, he must notify the judges.**

Q.—How come that we so often have three different verdicts by the judges and referee for the same fight?

**A.—Each sees the fight differently and is entitled to his better judgment.**

**Martin Chusselwick, Milwaukee, Wis.**

Q.—How do you figure Jackie Graves as a contender for featherweight honors?

**A.—Read our monthly ratings. Jackie is a good fighter and an excellent drawing card.**

**Thomas Averick, San Francisco, Cal.**

Q.—When a fighter is hanging helpless over the ropes, must the referee count over him or should he push the opponent away and give the fighter a chance to get away from the ropes?

**A.—It all depends on the condition of the victim. We have many recent cases in which the referee correctly started the count over the man hanging helpless over the ropes. For example Arthur Donovan counted one over Max Schmeling when Max was holding on to the upper strand over which he had his head hanging while Joe Louis was battering away at Max's body. Donovan pushed Joe aside and started the count and Max let go the ropes and faced his man to resume fighting. In the Zale-Graziano fight the referee started to count Zale out while draped over the ropes and in the Williams-Montgomery battle, the same thing happened.**

# They Do Come Back!

## *Former Flyweight Champion Peter Kane Staging Amazing Campaign as Bantam*

*By* THE VETERAN

RULES, it is said, are made to be broken. One of boxing's most venerated maxims—"They Never Come Back"—has been shattered so often in recent years, it's practically beyond repair.

Frequent instances have been recorded of supposedly washed-up and retired boxers staging remarkable comebacks.

Perhaps the most celebrated was the "Cinderella Man," Jimmy Braddock, one-time contender for the light-heavyweight title, who was tabbed as "finished," yet came off the docks of Hoboken to win the heavyweight championship.

Another notable case was that of Billy Petrolle, the old "Fargo Express," who was believed to have outlived his ring usefulness, but came back a better fighter and bigger money-earner than he had been in what was supposed to have been his prime.

A current example is Jersey Joe Walcott, now matched with Champion Joe Louis in a heavyweight "non-title" match in Madison Square Garden in November. In his youth, Walcott wasn't rated too highly, and after a very mediocre career, he called it quits in 1941. Three years later, while working in a Camden shipyard, he accepted a couple of minor bouts merely to pick up some "extra money." But those bouts started him on a remarkable campaign that led to his present rating as Louis' No. 1 challenger.

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***Considered finished in 1943, ex-flyweight king Peter Kane now dangerous threat to bantam title.***

ANOTHER amazing comeback is the one currently being conducted by little Peter Kane of Golborne, England, who recently registered a smashing 10-round victory in Manchester over Dado Marino, the Filipino-Hawaiian, regarded as the outstanding pretender to the vacant world flyweight throne.

Kane's triumph over Marino capped one of the most incredible chapters in British boxing.

Back in 1938, Peter was recognized as world flyweight champion, when, after whipping the outstanding European 112-pounders, he defeated Jackie Jurich, the Californian, in 15 rounds in Liverpool.

But increasing weight gradually forced Kane into competition with bantams, and he found it difficult to reduce to the flyweight limit.

While serving in the British Army during the war, Kane's fistic activities naturally were restricted, but Peter managed to pack in an occasional bout until, in 1943, he made the serious mistake of getting down to flyweight poundage to defend his title against Jackie Paterson in Glasgow. Weak at the weight, Peter was knocked out in the first round.

Kane engaged in a couple of other bouts after that, but he seemed to have lost a lot of his former stuff, and with failing eyesight adding to his worries, he decided to hang up the gloves and call it a career.

In actual years, Peter was only 25, and a comparative youngster, but he was a veteran in ring experience, with 10 years of service and nearly 100 battles behind him.

His eyesight failed steadily, and Kane was threatened with blindness. In a desperate effort to save his vision, he underwent a delicate operation. The operation proved a success.

Late in 1946, after three years of fistic retirement, Peter could not resist the temptation to take one more flier in the ring. No one regarded his comeback seriously. To the British boxing public, Kane definitely was washed-up, and it was silly, if not dangerous, for him to think of donning the gloves again.

It is doubtful if even Peter himself nursed any fancy illusions about the success of the venture. But he was determined to give it a try, anyway.

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AFTER a few minor successes, Kane stacked up against Norman Lewis, the Welsh star, and one of Britain's most formidable bantams. Peter chalked up a four-round kayo in London!

Then followed victories over Jean Jouas of France, Eddie (Bunty) Doran of Ireland and Joe Cornelis of Belgium.

Theo Medina, the French holder of the European bantam title, was next on Kane's list. This figured to be a dangerous match for Kane. The opinion was almost unanimous in Britain that the Golborne veteran had overmatched himself. Despite his impressive comeback record, no one conceded Kane anything better than a vague outside chance against the rugged, hard-hitting French gypsy who had previously knocked out Jackie Paterson and Cliff Anderson among other good ones.

The Kane-Medina bout was held in Manchester with Theo a top-heavy favorite in the advance speculation. But Peter turned in one of the most sensational performances in recent British ring annals by handing the Frenchman a terrific battering, outclassing him completely, and stopping him in the seventh round.

Albert Braedt of Belgium was Kane's next victim, Peter requiring less than three rounds to polish him off in New Brighton.

Then followed the veteran's masterful performance against Marino, with the gritty little Filipino-Hawaiian absorbing a vicious battering all the way. Only his ruggedness and courage saved Dado from a knockout.

British fans can be pardoned for the enthusiasm they are displaying in Kane's amazing comeback, a comeback that definitely has established Peter as one of the most formidable bantams in the world, and a dangerous challenger for Champion Manuel Ortiz's laurels.

Britain has taken a lot of bitter disappointments in international fistic competition these last few years, and on an otherwise drab, dismal cloud, little 29-year-old Peter Kane represents the encouraging silver lining for which the fans of the tight little isle have been so eagerly looking.

# Williams Rated Fighter of Month

By THE RING EDITOR

IKE WILLIAMS, who stopped Bob Montgomery in their Philadelphia battle to win international recognition as the world lightweight champion and THE RING belt, is our Fighter of the Month. The Trenton battler exhibited the skill and punching power that is befitting a champion. That fight for the lightweight title was one of the two outstanding contests of an otherwise dull month, the other being the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund mill in which Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight title holder, defeated Tami Mauriello in an overweight match.

So low has boxing fallen during the past three months that it is with extreme difficulty that more than five good fighters can be found to grace the first ten in our ratings. In fact, in several divisions, the heavyweight and light-heavyweight in particular, the field of top men is so scarce that ordinary fighters who wouldn't have been ranked twentieth two years ago when the war had ended, find themselves listed among the elite. The ratings give a true picture of the scarcity of good talent this year.

Joe Walcott, who is to box Joe Louis shortly in what New York terms a "non-title bout," has earned the right to fight Joe for the crown, instead. He is the Number One heavyweight. Though Ezzard Charles in our book beat Elmer Ray, victories are what count, hence Ray is listed behind Jersey Joe.

Archie Moore is back in stride and is giving Charles a close run for the leading challenger's post in the light-heavyweight section with Billy Fox behind him.

Jake LaMotta continues our leading contender for middleweight honors with Tony Zale, dethroned champion, and Al Hostak following. Bert Lytell, though defeated by Moore in an overweight match, has been placed above the inactive Cerdan who is now rated fifth instead of third.

Though Tommy Bell lost to Cecil Hudson in a match in which Tommy gave away seven pounds, he retains his leading post as Number One challenger for Ray Robinson's crown, with Tony Pellone following. Cosby Linson's victory over Johnny Greco gained him a position in the first ten for this month and Eddie Giosa's victory over Charley Fusari enabled the Philadelphian to gain seventh post in place of Charley.

Bob Montgomery, who was kayoed by Ike Williams, has won the top ranking as challenger for the lightweight crown with Enrique Bolanos our second choice. Roberto Proietti, star Italian, who is the European lightweight king and will shortly be seen in this country, is fourth and another foreigner, Vic Patrick, is behind him.

Jose Baby Gonzales, who defeated Phil Terranova and has an excellent record, has gained a place among the feathers. He is rated fifth and Terranova has dropped to tenth.

Though Jackie Paterson is the British Empire bantam king, the deposed flyweight champion has been too inactive to hold down the number one challenger post for world honors in the higher rank, to Peter Kane, former British champion, goes that honor.

Dado Marino, who weighed in for his title fight with Paterson, in which Jackie failed to go through, takes first place as leading contender for world honors with Rinty Monaghan in second position and Maurice Sandeyron, third. These three have been named by the British Board of Boxing Control as the leading flyweights to battle it out for Paterson's crown.

## RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending August 10, 1947

| Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds) | Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds) | Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds) | Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds) |
|---|---|---|---|
| World's Champion Joe Louis | World's Champion Gus Lesnevich | World's Champion Rocky Graziano | World's Champion Ray Robinson |
| 1—Joe Walcott | Ezzard Charles | Jake LaMotta | Tommy Bell |
| 2—Elmer Ray | Archie Moore | Tony Zale | Tony Pellone |
| 3—Jimmy Bivins | Billy Fox | Al Hostak | Bernard Docusen |
| 4—Olle Tandberg | Tommy Yarosz | Bert Lytell | Tony Janiro |
| 5—Pat Comiskey | Lloyd Marshall | Marcel Cerdan | Cosby Linson |
| 6—Joe Baksi | Billy Smith | Chuck Hunter | Johnny Greco |
| 7—Tami Mauriello | Dave Sands | Steve Belloise | Eddie Giosa |
| 8—Lee Q. Murray | Billy Foxworth | Fred Apostoli | Gene Burton |
| 9—Phil Muscato | Dolph Quijano | Georgie Abrams | Robert Villemain |
| 10—Turkey Thompson | Freddie Mills | Smuggy Hursey | Bee Bee Wright |

| Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds) | Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds) | Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds) | Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds) |
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| World's Champion Ike Williams | World's Champion Willie Pep | World's Champion Manuel Ortiz | World's Champion (Title Vacant) |
| 1—Bob Montgomery | Miguel Acevedo | Peter Kane | Dado Marino |
| 2—Enrique Bolanos | Charley Riley | Jackie Paterson | Rinty Monaghan |
| 3—Larry Cisneros | Sandy Saddler | Bunty Doran | Maurice Sandeyron |
| 4—Roberto Proietti | Jose Baby Gonzales | Stan Rowan | Emile Famechon |
| 5—Vic Patrick | Jock Leslie | Luis Galvani | Raoul Degryse |
| 6—Rudy Cruz | Cliff Anderson | Luis Castillo | Mickey Hill |
| 7—Tony Mar | Carlos Chavez | Harold Dade | Jimmy Hogg |
| 8—Freddie Dawson | Chico Rosa | Norman Lewis | Dickie O'Sullivan |
| 9—Johnny Bratton | Eddie Miller | Tony Olivera | Monito Flores |
| 10—Julio Jiminez | Phil Terranova | Elley Bennett | Armando Puenti Pi |

Here are the heavyweight bouts:

Elmer Ray won an upset from Ezzard Charles, 10. Tami Mauriello dropped the duke to Gus Lesnevich in 10 gruelling rounds.

Turkey Thompson stopped Kid Riviera, 4. Lee Savold stopped Alberto Marchioni, 8, and drew with Ted Lowry, 10. Tommy Gomez halted Buddy Scott, 3.

Jerry McSwain knocked out Tiger Jack Fox, 6. Abel Cestac stiffened Bob Nora, 3, Hezzie Williams, 3, and Jimmy Howard, 2.

Harry Berntsen reversed a previous loss to Buddy Knox in 8, and Harry was later beaten by Jimmy Carollo, 8. Knox lost to Gene Gosney in 8. Tony Bosnich knocked out Frisco James, 2, and beat Harry Wills, 10. Gino Buonvino defeated William Brown, 6. K.O. Hooker defeated Billy McClure, 6.

Red Cameron stopped Jimmy Boyle, 7, but the bout was later declared no contest by the Commission, which ruled that Referee Barney Ross erred in halting the affair.

Ragon Kinney chilled Tommy Charles, 9. Jim Hogan whipped Willie Francis, 6. Rusty Payne whipped Martin Goldberg, 10. Leroy Scales beat Cliff Keorkle, 6. Mickey Carter kayoed Johnny Halloway, 6. Ben Russ stopped Dave Glanton, 4. Al Baldesino stopped Al Shelby, 7.

Hubert Hood was a winner over Bob Garner, 10. Jackie Fisher chilled Wendall Gallant, 1, and Tom McNally, 2. Augustino Guedes drew with Jimmy Richards, 10, and chilled Jimmy Richardson, 3. George Siebert stopped Bill Mason, 1. Curtis Sheppard kayoed Al Hart, 4. Erv Sarlin beat Joe Matisi, 10. Sid Peaks chilled Ed Wagner.

Roland LaStatza stopped Al Zappalla, 5. Newsboy Millich drew with John Donnelly, 10.

Gene Jones stopped Shamus O'Brien, 2.

Light-heavyweight contests:

Champion Gus Lesnevich defeated Tami Mauriello in a 10-round overweight match. Billy Fox chilled Jimmy Cooper, 2, and stopped George Kochan, 4. Kochan defeated Johnny Brown, 10.

Archie Moore defeated Bert Lytell, 10, and Bobby Zander, 12. Bob Foxworth trimmed Leroy Scales, 8. Boy Brooks trimmed Ignacio Ara, 10. Charley Babcock knocked out Jim Rousse, 9, and Jim Mulligan, 3.

Bernie Reynolds whipped Leo Matriciani, 4. Jim Holden knocked out Jerry Norse, 1. Harold Johnson defeated Al Pinel, 6. Jimmy Hooper upset Johnny Colan, 10. Charley Banks defeated Shamus O'Brien, 10. Mike Jacobs decisioned Joe Mason, 6. Deacon Logan stopped Pat McCafferty, 4.

Reuben Jones whipped Buster Peppe, 6. Billy Grant outslugged Saint Paul, 10, but the Saint came back to whip Johnny Johnson, 10. Anthony Jones decisioned Cleve Bailey, 10. Kenny Harris chilled Doc Bea, 3. Al Johnson stiffened Sylvester Perkins, 8. Kid Wolfe drew with Danny Martin, 10.

Henry Holley chilled James J. Johnson, 1, and whipped Tom McKeagney in 4. Joe Mason tripped Bobby Jakes, 4. Jack Barber chilled Luther McMillen, 3. Bob Isler outscored Al Zappala, 6, and beat Jack Barber, 6.

Grady Welch defeated Lin Brosier, 6. Mike Gagne beat Tony Mello, 4. Rocco Vallo outpointed Tommy Alvirto, 4. Roy Taylor chilled Frankie Thomas, 6. Gentle Daniel battered Bob Adams, 10.

Bob Isler knocked out Jim McCrawford, 6.

Bernie Reynolds decisioned Eldridge Eatman, 10.

Middleweights:

Rocky Graziano became the middleweight champion of the world by knocking out Tony Zale in 6 rounds. Smuggy Hursey was held to a draw by Danny Kapilow, 10.

Charley Burley knocked out Larry Cartwright, 7. Cecil Hudson outfought Tommy Bell, 10. Sonny Horne halted Juan Serrano, 3, and beat Jerry Marshall, 8. Jerome Frazier chilled William Johnson, 1, and Pat Byers, 5. Bert Lytell lost to light-heavyweight Archie Moore, 10.

Charley Zivic whipped Sammy Secreet, 10. Joey DeJohn beat Lafayette Drummond, 6. Fred Apostoli stopped Reuben Shank, 8.

Zack Robinson took J. C. Wilkins, 6. Pete Mead outscored Cocoa Kid, 10, and stopped Clem Fitzpatrick, 6. Laverne Roach nodded Norman Rubio, 8, in a close bout, split decision.

George Duke outclassed Carl Olson, 10. Junior Washington stopped Frankie Angustain, 7. Ernie Durando defeated Freddie Patterson, 8. Jackie Burke took the win over Don Hassock, 6. Hassock beat Chico Givins, 6.

Doc Williams was upset by Buddy Farrell, 8, and Henry Hall, 10. Herbie Kronowitz shaded

Joe Agosta, 10, and beat Jerry Fiorello, 8. Art Tatta won over Jerry Fiorello, 8, but lost to Red Priest, 10. Bunky Wall outscored Carmine Lato, 8. Vinnie Rossano defeated Irving Palefsky, 10.

Freddie Pratt beat George Price, 4. Jackie Darthard bested Dave Clark, 6. Ray Spurlock stopped Mel Hawkins, 5, and beat Bert Paige, 6. Benny Davis again whipped Curtis Moore, 8.

Charley Hayes drew with Top Row Allen, 8. Pat Byers stopped Jota Jota Fernandez, 2. Jack Snapp outscored Milo Savage, 10, and drew with Pedro Jiminez, 10. Willard Buckless outscored Ralph Strolla, 10. Sheik Rangel drew with Young Salvatore, 10. Mike Verrengio took Edgar Greenwood in 6, kayoed Ted DiGiammo, 10, and beat Tony Masciarelli, 4.

Hy Bronstein whipped Nick Kashuba, 6. Jules Rinaldo decisioned Donald Cane, 4. Danny Williams halted Larry Fontana, 4. Vinnie Vines whipped Bob Castro, 10.

Dave Clark stiffened Eddie Miller, 10. Joe Girard halted Chet McDonough, 2, and beat Jack Collins, 6. Jerry Heimowitz won over Joe DeMetrius, 4. Bill Daley defeated Roger Whynott, 10. Paul Perkins stopped Son Kelly, 6.

Jesse Jenkins outslugged Richie Dallas, 4. Walter Cartier defeated Gene Boland, 8. Roy Williams decisioned Al Cortez, 10. Ted Napolitano kayoed Willard Hanns, 4. Ben Jeffers licked Jimmy Jackson, 6.

Tommy Varsos defeated Jack Bazal, 4. Frank Lacy bested Frank Sweeney, 8. Hal Anspach was a winner over Herbie Morris, 6. Joey DeJohn bested Bobby Morris, 6. Andy Chapman stopped Patsy Roscano, 1. Willie Reeves chilled Henry Robinson, 1. Autry Barnes bested Lew Perez, 6.

Ernie Vigh knocked out Horace Bailey, 1. Richie Dallas kayoed Hal McKenny, 3. Leon Sheppard chilled Sidney Miller, 4. Len Taglia knocked out Frankie Cerna, 3. Jack Biddle stopped Rex Johnson, 3.

Nick Melli halted Louis Olmo, 4. Tony Masciarelli beat Edgar Greenwood, 6. Al Wynn chilled Ralph Hughes, 1. Frank Lacy bested Meyer Siegel, 8.

Eric Best beat James Lorenzo, 4. Mike Birskovich decisioned Bunky Wall, 8. Herman Badger won over Russ Baxter, 6. Jesus Villa defeated Pat Vendrilla, 6. Clyde Jenkins stopped Freddie Pratt, 2. Johnny Izzo beat Russell Cox, 4.

Ernie Durando flattened Billy Ellison, 2. George Small won over Art Robinson by kayo in the sixth. Ernie Butler drew with George B. Smith, 4. Bill Poli whipped Randy Brown, 8. Easy Boy Francis beat Vivanze Arisde via the knockout route in 3. Jerry Maloney knocked out Russ Baxter, 7.

Joe Rindone kayoed Bunky Wall, 3. Pete Kupsel was a winner over Billy Miller, 4. Hy Bronstein stopped Eddie Lee, 3.

Cecil Davis knocked out Joe Langley, 2. Bill Giovini chilled Joe Guarino, 1. Oswaldo Silva defeated Vince Gambill, 10.

Welterweights:

Tommy Bell was defeated by Cecil Hudson, 10, in an overweight match, 153 to 147. Kid Gavilan outpointed Charlie Williams, 10. Clarence Alleyne beat Freddie Walker. Paddy Young beat Ossie Cooper, 6. Marty Servo hit the comeback trail and kayoed Benny Singleton, 2, but in his next start Marty was chilled by Joe DiMartino, 1.

Cosby Linson turned back Johnny Greco, 10. Eddie Giosa defeated Charlie Fusari, 10. Bobby Yaeger outpointed Roman Alvarez, 10. Ruby Kessler was an 8-round winner over Bobby Ruffin.

Sammy Adragna nodded Freddie Archer, 10. Ralph Zannelli was a victor over Joe Blackwood, 10. George LaRover knocked out Juste Fontaine, 8. Vic Grupico defeated Doug Carter, 8. Bobby Plant kayoed Billy Strauss, 5, and beat Ernie Petrone, 8.

Robert Villemain decisioned Fernando Jannilli, 10. George Costner stopped Chester Slider, 7. Earl Turner outscored Tommy Egan, 10. Billy Nixon whipped Charley Williams, 10. Johnny Cesario defeated Leo Sawicki, 12, and Al Costa, 10.

Charley Early outscored George Martin, 10. Vince Foster whipped Howard Bleyhl, 10. Mike DeCosmo bested Danny Robinson, 8. Ange Morganti stopped Vic Mancuso, 6. James Nickens beat Rocky Cafrella, 4. Frankie Vigeant won over Gus Mell, 10.

Jose Estrada defeated Johnny Sheppard, 10. Bob Burns defeated Sparky Reynolds, 8. Rocco Rossano kayoed Patsy Brandino, 2, and Jimmy McDonough, 9. Salvator Chavez licked Tony Chavez, 10. Chile Johnson defeated Jim Isler, 6.

Arturo Barron stopped Bobby O'Fallon, 4. Cliff Stevens nodded Lenny Holton, 6. Lou Simon licked Leon Sawyer, 8. Jackie Lovatt whipped Joey Angelo, 10. Julius Menendez bested Ben Montabano, 6.

Roger Whynott knocked out Johnny Coe, 3. Howard Brodt licked Chet Vinci, 8. Ross Anzalone nodded John Terriano, 6. Perry Lowe stopped Wally Clark, 3. Jimmy Howe defeated Ossie Cooper, 4. Ken Burley defeated Eddie Hudson in Australia, 12.

Charlie Elliott outscored Tommy Mills, 10. Bobby Zollo kayoed Leo Sawicki, 6. Joe Danos stopped Vince Gambill, 3. Gambill whipped Ernie Pelaia, 10. Pelaia also lost to Frankie Abrams, 10. Ernie Pelaia outscored Oswald Silva, 10. Al Ralfie outpunched Jimmy Lynch, 4. Rickie Long kayoed Johnny Capri, 5.

Sid Haber licked Charley Varre, 8. Don Williams chilled Ken Isaacs, 1, Coleman Burnell, 1, and Billy Paul, 3. Art Brown chilled Tony Montisi, 2. Young Salvatore whipped Sheik Rangel, 10.

Danny Ruggiero won on a disqualification over Denny McCabe, 3, and then beat Jimmy Henderson, 8. Eli DeLoach took Joe Poccia, 6, and Arthur Mott, 6. Tommy Spencer took the measure of Joe Pyle, 10. Van Mancuso outscored Ray Jackson, 4. Joe Martino stiffened Freddy James, 1.

Buster Baker defeated Al Franklin, 6. Buster Tyler nodded George Martin, 10. Davey Cohen outpointed Billy Nelson, 8. Paddy Young took Joe Poccia, 6. Carey Mace whipped Gene Smith, 6.

Vic Cardell was a victor over Vince Scarpari, 6. Jack Boderone won over George Perez, 6. Chico Pacheco outclassed Billy Moore, 8. Frank Nardizzi shaded Frankie Dell, 4. Russell Richter defeated Kenny Hilton, 6, but lost to Eli DeLoach, 6. Clem Blake chilled Charlie Zack, 1. Joe Holmer chilled Norman James, 1.

Joe Kezele beat Jesse Walker, 6. Andy DePaul trimmed Kid Williams, 4. Angel Chavez defeated Al Franklin, 6. Lenny Durham decisioned Earl Shaw, 4. Tony Falco defeated Buster Baker, 8.

Angel Chavez whipped Tony Ducharme, 8. Bobby Mann won over Charley Smith, 6. Paddy Young chilled Jim Nickers, 2. Charley Zack kayoed Bill Gagnes, 4. Charlie Lagor triumphed over Vince Callahan, 6.

Leo O'Gara chilled George Carter, 1. Carey Mace and Billy Kearns drew in 8. Marion Jones stopped Steve Ketchel, 5. Johnny Bell took Eska Mosley, 6. Cliff Hart kayoed Bill Dooley, 4. Honey Johnson beat Charley Varre, 6.

Kenny James drew with Emil Evans, 6. Al Mobley decisioned Isaac Jenkins, 8. Tom Parks was too good for Bill Giovini, 4. Freddie Addeo took Al Hirsch, 8. Young Joe Louis beat Len Houston in 10.

Tommy Bell was held to a 10-round draw by Buddy Farrell. John Thomas stopped Arturo Barron, 7.

Bobby Plant defeated Joe Carney, 8. Jimmy Milligan knocked out Johnny Caruso, 2. George B. Smith whipped Pat Brady, 6. Melvin Wade drew with Gene Hardeson, 6. Harry Parisi and John Cunningham drew in 6. Gene Norman beat Jay Orr, 4. Jim DeMetrius chilled Jim Colbert, 1.

Dave Jenkins lost to John Darby, 6. Billy Kearns defeated Eddie York, 8. Robert Carrillo drew with Gene Joyce, 6. Eddie Smith whipped Chet Vinci, 8. Leon Gabriel kayoed Ernest Dennis, 1. Larry Queens chilled Phil Dolce, 1.

Lightweights:

Ike Williams became undisputed lightweight champion of the world by knocking out Bob Montgomery in 6 rounds. Al Pennino outpointed Filberto Osario, 8. Pennino shaded Maxie Shapiro, 10. Tommy Murray kayoed Freddie Latson, 1. Tommy Stenhouse stopped George Estrada, 9. Enrique Bolanos knocked out Mario Trigo, 2, and Eddie Prince, 8.

Johnny Bratton kayoed Herbie Biff Jones, 8. Talmadge Bussey knocked out Bill Eddy, 10. Julio Jiminez decisioned Paulino Montes, 10. Danny Bartfield whipped Harry Hintlian, 8, and Humberto Zavala, 8. Rudy Cruz nodded Kid Filipino, 10.

Jesse Flores halted Memo Llanes, 4. Willie Russell took Ace Miller in 10. Tony Rodriquez stopped Nunzio Ferraro, 5. Bobby McQuillar stopped Leroy Willis, 10.

Andy Drachmas outpunched Willie Serrano, 6. Willie Beltram was defeated by Johnny Dell, 10. Willie Russell stopped Milton Ashford, 3. Bernie Dowd whipped Bobby Williams, 6. Lester Felton defeated Eddie Garland, 5.

Buddy Hayes won the duke over Pat Demers, 10. Buddy Sloan outpointed Johnny Nicholson, 4. Bob Marshall kayoed J. B. Griffin, 2. Paddy DeMarco halted Jimmy Warren, 6. Julie Kogon defeated Aldo Minelli, 10.

Jay Watkins kayoed Joe Henderson, 4. Gordon House chilled Chuchu Angeles, 2. Auriello Cruz took Tony Becerra on a disqualification in 8. Chuey Figueroa nodded Alfredo Escobar, 10.

Gerald Jones pounded out a 10 round win over Harry Hart. Nunzio Carto whipped Joe Poccia, 6. El Conscripto defeated Chuchu Ruiz, 10. Dom Labbe knocked out Hubie Scott, 3. Jackie Weber was a winner over Ernie Quisti, 10.

Eddie Price was a winner over Benny Callas, 10. El Barquerito defeated Leonardo Lopez, 10. Max Perez whipped Filio Prado, 10. Pat Brady knocked out George B. Smith, 6.

Cliff Curvis defeated Paddy Dowdall, 8. Barry Wood knocked out Louis Paul, 2. Taxco Kid drew with Chico Escamilla, 8. Tommy McGovern outscored Clyde English, 8.

Moe Weiss stiffened Billy Miller, 2, and beat Bobby Root, 6. Johnny Priest licked Angel Chavez, 10, and drew with Harold Stine, 8. Forest lost to Herbie Freeman, 8, and Freeman beat Archie Goodbee, 10. Henry Lassain outscored Harry Diduck, 6. Danny Webb knocked out Leo LaBlond, 3.

Til LeBlanc stopped Joe Palaza, 3, but lost to Billy Sutton, 4. Ray Lewis defeated Freddie Latson, 6. Joey Dell outscored Jimmy Hegeman, 8. Florient Desmarais whipped Tommy Red Wells, 12. Joe Brown whipped Freddie Latson, 6, and Danny Webb, 10.

Pete Ferrente upset Herbie Johnson, 8. Jimmy Corti halted Kenny Hilton, 5, and beat Chuck Burton, 8. James Carter stopped Thompson Harmon, 5. Julie Bort stopped Mickey Citro, 6, and beat Walter Keene, 8. Frankie Duane halted Eddie White, 7.

Lou Castrille defeated Greg Gomez, 6, and George Knox, 6. Tim Dalton beat Cappy Benton, 8. Marion Rhoten knocked out Johnny Goode, 3. John Eddington whipped Harry Marshall, 6. Pat Murphy beat Pete D'Amico, 4.

Johnny Forte whipped Earl Huff, 8. Herbie Johnson drew with Eddie White, 6. John LaRusso reversed it against Dennis Pat Brady, 6. Freddie Latson chilled Guillermo Roberts, 2.

Moe Harvey whipped Tommy Murray, 6. Isaac Hayworth knocked out Norman James, 1. Greg Gomez outpointed Anthony Viserto, 6. Solly Cantor took J. D. Grim, 4.

Marcel Theriault outscored Willie Serrano, 4. Oliver Desmarais whipped Jerry King, 8. Jean Barriere stopped Vic Young, 5. Paul Midiri defeated Johnny Grosso, 6, and John Moran, 6. Pat Scanlon was a winner over Pete Manchio, 8. Frankie Rubino defeated Freddie Nelson, 8. Jesse Underwood whipped Sammy Mastrean, 8.

Joey Belfiore decisioned Buster Baker, 6. Jackie Carroll chilled Billy Carrans, 1. Bob Sampson decisioned Al Starling, 6. Pat Demers outscored Jimmy McLarnin, 10.

Joe Holmes stopped John Eddington, 1. Tommy McGovern outscored Joe Murray, 8.

Featherweights:

Champion Willie Pep outscored Paulie Jackson, 10, and Humberto Sierra, 10. Carlos Chavez upset Harold Dade, 12. Miguel Acevedo chilled George Dunn, 9, and beat Dennis Pat Brady, 10, and Jimmy McAllister, 10.

Phil Terranova shaded Clem Custer, 10, but was later defeated by Jose (Baby) Gonzalez, 10.

Chico Rosa knocked out Rush Dalma, 9. Simon Vergara stopped Ralph Lara, 3.

Buddy Hayes outpointed Lloyd Hudson, 10. Sandy Saddler knocked out Oscar Calles, 5. Jackie Graves nodded John Grady, 10.

Lou Alter again beat Jean Richard, 10. Pat Iacobucci defeated Frankie Gerrard, 6. Leon Hudson defeated Barry Wood, 6. Ermando Bonnetti turned back Willie Roache, 8, and Charlie Noel, 8. Herbie Jones iced Jackie Nichols, 1, and was kayoed by Johnny Bratton, 8.

Maurice LaChapelle stiffened Edgar Perrault, 4. Eddie Compo took Chico Morales, 8. Joey Brocato defeated Herbie Johnson, 8. Billy Gillard stiffened Bobby Polowitzer, 4. Lorenzo Safora defeated Little Giant, 10.

Mike Tartartino stopped George Wright, 7. Marvin Dick nodded Joe Gamby, 6. Frankie Carson drew with Jesus Campos, 6. Johnny Johnson stopped Mickey Garcia, 5. Augie Soave chilled Leroy Walker, 2. Floyd Shiflett defeated Billy Lima, 8.

Ray Dulmaine stiffened Ike Robbins, 6. Ivor Fredricks drew with Jesus Campos, 6, and beat Frankie Carson, 6. Leo Hudson stopped Jim Brunton, 2. Jimmy Callura stopped Jose Colon Garcia, 4. Young Junior defeated Dino Bleta, 8. Johnny Juliano knocked out Billy Reed, 4. Buddy Jacklich whipped Charley Johnson, 10.

Kid Tanner whipped Sean Phillips, 8. Jimmy Sulla defeated Billy Proctor, 6. Raul Esqueda kayoed Babe Barron, 3, but lost to Manuel Rivera, 10. Babe Maera was halted by Felipe Rodriguez, 6. Orlando Fernandez whipped Jimmy Hegeman, 6. Lloyd Hudson beat Isaac Thomas, 10. Bobby Williams defeated Tim Healy, 4. Young Jensen beat Don Gibbons in 10, and Kid Salandy in 8. Tito Valles decisioned Jimmy Hegeman, 6, Guillermo Roberts beat Nat Terranova, 4.

Tony Longo stiffened Billy Cofield, 2. Petey Virgin defeated Jimmy McClellan, 10. Ralph McNeil decisioned Ivan Jones, 6. Georgie Dunn defeated Roy Andrews, 10.

Vic Haller whipped Jimmy Vincent, 6. Jackie Sullivan was a winner over Tony Roma, 4. Eddie Warren beat Val Valentino, 4. Mike Tarrantino defeated Orlando Fernandez, 6.

Bantamweights:

Peter Kane whipped Dado Marino, 10. Elley Bennett kayoed Stumpy Butwell, 10. Bunty Doran chilled Joe Collins, 1, and beat Jean Jouas, 10. Nick McKay beat John Holt, 6.

Stan Rowan stopped Alex Sinnaeve, 5.

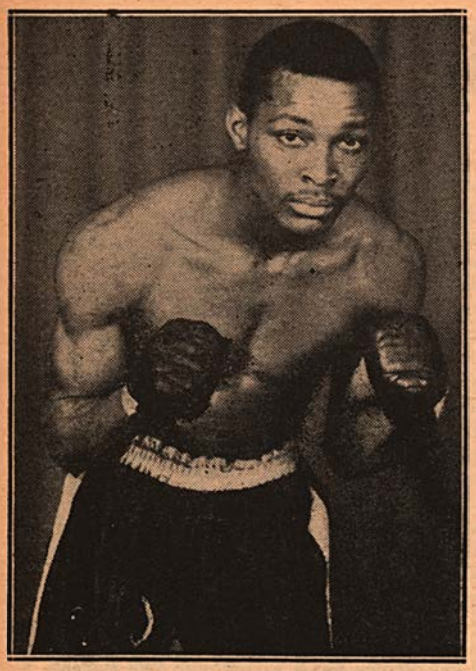
Roman Gonzales decisioned Jose Colon Garcia, 6. Joe Collins stopped Jim Thompson, 1. Eddie McCullough outscored Tsuneshi Maruo, 8.

Ray Gonzales defeated Frankie Pucci, 8. Tim Healy kayoed Don Orlando, 4.

Young Abrigo won in 10 from Don Gibbons; Tony Tarquin beat Speedy Collins in 6; Joe Cuc-

## Prospects of the Month

**Heavyweight—John C. Curtis Taft, Tex.**
**Light-heavyweight — Bill Lewis, Baltimore, Md.**
**Middleweight — Mike Verrengio, New York, N. Y.**
**Welterweight — Pete Zaduk, Toronto, Canada.**
**Lightweight—Jesse Turner, St. Louis.**
**Featherweight—Jim Kenny, Scotland.**
**Bantamweight—Mickey McGuire, Boston, Mass.**
**Flyweight — Calvin Leigh, Rochester, N. Y.**



*George Dunn, hard punching featherweight from Hartford, who recently was knocked out by Miguel Acevedo in the ninth round of a scheduled ten-round melee in one of the best bouts seen in the insurance city. In his last go George bounced back by taking the duke from Roy Andrews in a tenner.*

cinotti chilled Westley Mason, 1. Memo Valero stopped Luis Reyes, 7.

Castro Calderon defeated Marcelino Almestica, 4. Asuncion Llanos decisioned Abelardo Alejandro, 4. Joe Gans defeated Ray Nelson, 4. Joe Legon II drew with Kid Jaimeson, 4. Ramon Ruiz outscored Frankie Serrano, 10.

Tony Olivera whipped Jerry Ramsey, 10.

Flyweights:

Peter Kane whipped Dado Marino, 10, in an overweight match, and Dado won on a disqualification over Rinty Monaghan, 9.

Jim Gill was disqualified in the first round of his bout with Haydn Jones.

Tom Whittle defeated Jackie McCall, 8. Jackie Bryers chilled Bill Birch, 6. Terry Allen whipped Alf Hughes, 8. Joe Collins beat Jackie Fairclough, 8, and then Fairclough beat Dennis Sale, 10.

Billy Hazelgrave beat George Albrow, 8. Joe Curran drew with Les Johnson, 10. Norman Tennant beat Eddie Douglas, 8.

Young Yellow outclassed Indian Villareal, 6, and Gollo Castaneda, 6. Frank Tierney won on a foul over Al Hutt, 2. Dick Hughes drew with Tony McGowan, 6. Young Braddock beat Speedy Collins, 6.

## COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By RAY COFFIN
Substituting for Mark Fannon

LYNN—Gus "Pell" Mell, Montreal's hard-hitting welterweight, resumed his New England action with a two-round kayo over the veteran Al Costa of Woonsocket, R. I., in the feature bout at Fraser Field. A savage right uppercut put Costa to dreamland in 2:24 of the fatal canto.

Portland, Me.—In an evenly-fought return fray, Hermie Freeman, 133, Bangor, Me., outpointed Roy Andrews, 134, Lowell, 10.

The pair had previously boxed a draw in the Exposition ring.

Bangor, Me.—Jimmy Mulligan, straight-punching Lowell middleweight, scored a convincing four-round kayo victory over Frankie Burley, 160, Dover, N. H., in the windup. Burley had won the first three rounds on his boxing ability, but Mulligan connected with a terrific right to the jaw in the fourth to end matters.

New Bedford—"Mad Anthony" Jones, Boston's walloping light-heavyweight star, carried too many guns for game Eddie Boden, 172, South Boston, and stopped the former Battle of the Bulge hero in the eighth round of their scheduled 10-round windup at Sargent Field. Jones held a commanding lead from the start, flailing away at Boden's body with a continuous two-fisted attack. When Boden started reeling in the eighth, Referee Ed MacDonald of Brockton stopped the encounter.

In the semi-final, Joe Girard, 161, Worcester, outpointed Al Pinel, 158, New Bedford, 6, and in other bouts, Sammy White, 142, Medford, outpointed Walter Gomes, 140, New Bedford, 6; Barry Wood, 130, Worcester, T.K.O.'ed Joe Palaza, 132, Roxbury, 3.

Fall River—Behind on points by a wide margin, Vince Callahan, 144, Boston, knocked out Gene LeBlanc, 140, Fall River, in the sixth round of the headliner at the Casino. In other bouts, Tony Ducharme, 133, formerly of Montreal, now boxing out of the Border City, outpointed Mal Evans, 126, Providence, 6. Bobby Demers, 130, Brockton, outpointed Ray Dulmaine, 127, Worcester, 6. Pete Moore, 176, New Bedford, kayoed Sam Shumway, 184, Webster, 1. Al LeBlanc, 146, Fall River, outpointed Lou Paul, 137, Roxbury, 4.

Waterville, Me.—Bill Daley, 152, Brookline, Mass., promising young welterweight, stopped the punch-battered Al Michaud, 154, Lisbon, Me., in the second round of a scheduled 10-round windup.

Winthrop, Me.—Marcel LaChapelle, 124, Montreal, scored an upset when he knocked out Edgar Perrault, 126, Berlin, N. H., 4.

Chelsea, Mass.—"Mad Anthony" Jones, 170, Boston, out-punched Cleve Bailey, 167, Philadelphia, in every round to win an easy 10-round decision at the Chelsea Memorial Stadium.

New Bedford—World Featherweight Champion Willie Pep made a very impressive showing in his Whaling City debut by outpointing Paulie Jackson, 133, Reading, Pa., in ten rounds before more than 5,000 fans. The Hartford Whiz, weighing 129, looked sharp as he displayed his championship qualities against the venerable Jackson. An eight-round semi-final saw Benny Delgado, 144, Providence, outpoint Archie Goodbie, 134, Hartford. Davey Souza, 168, up-and-coming New Bedford middleweight, kayoed Bob Hall, 175, Medford, 2.

Portland, Me.—Charley Babcock, Maine's leading 175-pounder from Bangor, gained a sensational nine-round T.K.O. triumph over Jimmy Rousse, 179, Albany, N. Y., in a wild slugging match at the Exposition Building. It was an up-hill fight for the ultimate winner as Rousse unloaded his heavy artillery in the early rounds and it looked like Babcock might go out.

Fall River—Willard Buckless, 156, Saugus, Mass., former National Amateur Champion, made his first start in several months a successful one by outpointing Ralph Strollo, 162, Fall River, 10.

It was the final indoor bout at the Casino for the summer. Tony Ducharme, 126, Fall River, and Martin Taber, 126, East Providence, battled to an eight-round draw. Tommy Collins, 122, Boston, K.O.'ed Al Lewis, 127, Boston, 1, and Al LeBlanc, 146, Fall River, K.O.'ed Eddie McCarthy, 144, Saugus, Mass., 2.

Waterville, Me.—Roger Whynott, 147, Halifax, N.S., Canadian middleweight champion, knocked out Johnny Coe, 146, Medford, Mass., 3.

Worcester—Johnny Cesario, 142, Boston, successfully defended his New England welterweight title with an easy 12-round decision over Leo Sawicki, 145, Worcester, before 1,500 fans in the Auditorium. Cesario's left jabs and right crosses kept the body-punching Sawicki at bay for most of the battle.

Bangor, Me.—Charley Babcock, 174, Bangor, punched too hard and often for Jimmy Mulligan, 170, Lowell, and won by a three-round kayo.

New Bedford—Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 132, Boston, N.E. Featherweight Champion, pounded out a close decision over Pat Demers, 135, Brockton, 10. This was a return bout, with Hayes gaining the lead at the end of the fifth session and holding it to the end. Johnny Luz, 151, New Bedford, won over Al Barboza, 156, North Carver, Mass., 6. Bobby Demers, 130, Brockton, stopped Lou Paul, 136, Roxbury, 2. Nel Girard, 119, New Bedford, making his professional debut, outpointed Eddie Berry, 125, Brockton, 4.

Worcester—Returning for his second showing in as many weeks, Johnny Cesario, 142, Boston, turned back Al Costa, 151, Woonsocket, R. I., 10.

New Bedford—With both contestants fighting an inside battle throughout, Charley Early, 151, Boston, outpointed Georgie Martin, 155, Boston, former N.E. welter king, in the 10-round feature at Sargent Field. Davey Souza, 166, New Bedford, and Jimmy Pettie, 159, Woburn, fought a six-round draw. Oscar St. Pierre, 152, Fall River, suffered a cut over his left eye in the second round and Al Deacon, 151, Providence, was given a T.K.O. victory.

Fall River—"Tiger" Ted Lowry, 185, New Bedford, received national recognition when he held the highly-rated Lee Savold, 209, Paterson, N. J., to a 10-round draw before 2,000 fans at the Fall River Stadium. Lowry staggered Savold in the fifth and opened a bad cut over Lee's right eye in the same round. From there until the finish it looked like Lowry had won the fight, and when the officials disagreed and the official verdict was a draw, the fans showed their disapproval by showering the ring with paper for fully ten minutes.

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## RING QUESTION BOX

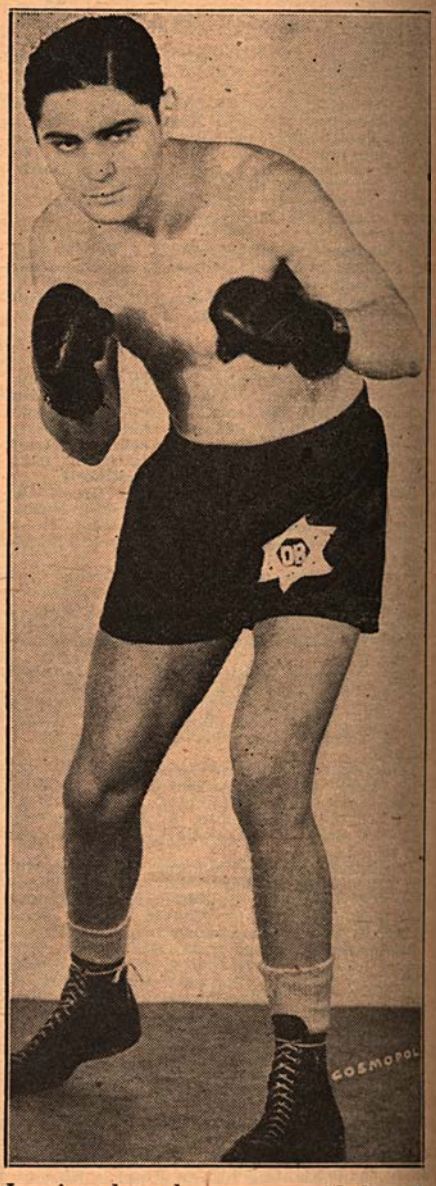
**Francis A. Hurley, Yonkers, New York**

Q.—Did Tommy Burns have any official recognition as heavyweight champion? I know that there was no New York State Boxing Commission when Jim Jeffries retired undefeated. I don't believe that the National Boxing Association was operating at that time. Was there any tribunal which awarded titles and ranked boxers in that period? Joe Williams informed me through his column on August 4, that while some boxing historians would not concur, he was of the opinion that Jeffries and not Johnson was the defending champion when they clashed at Reno on July 4, 1910.

It was my understanding that Johnson won the heavyweight title from Burns at Sydney, Australia, in 1908. That would have made Lil' Arthur the winner and still champion instead of the winner and new champion at Reno as Mr. Williams believes.

**A.—Joe Williams is wrong on that point. Johnson was universally recognized as the champion after beating Burns, who was the legitimate world heavyweight king when Johnson beat him in Australia. Burns won his title by disposing of every challenger or contender both in this country and abroad and when Jeffries made his comeback, Jim was the challenger not the champion.**

**There were no commissions at the time, but public opinion is what counted and it was overwhelmingly in favor of Johnson as king of the division. Only a few scribes, who had no use for Johnson because he was a Negro, said that Jeffries was still the champion when he and Johnson fought.**



*Inactivated nearly two years with damaged hands, Danny Bartfield, popular Brooklyn lightweight, is back in service and making up for lost time.*

# BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

ROCKY GRAZIANO, currently the "hottest" attraction in the trade, is losing no time cashing in on his title-winning effort against Tony Zale in Chicago.

The Dead End Kid's exhibition jaunt, launched August 18 in Scranton, will carry him all over the country by the end of the year, and is expected to net him in the neighborhood of $50,000.

He has been offered $10,000 for a movie short, and one of the major automobile companies wants to give him two cars and $5000 in cash for endorsing a new model.

Another robust check is being picked up for a feature spread in a national magazine.

Actual fights? Nothing definite has been set as yet, but indications are that Rocky will take two non-title matches, in November and December, before going through with his third and rubber meeting with Tony Zale, probably in January.

Several bids have been received for the Graziano-Zale affair, but nothing has been decided upon as yet. Miami has come up with the best offer so far, a $150,000 guarantee to Rocky. Another site being considered is Atlantic City, easily accessible from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and way stations, with a mammoth Auditorium capable of accommodating 44,000 for boxing—more than Madison Square Garden and the Chicago Stadium combined.

Graziano would like to fight in his native New York, but has not as yet requested reinstatement by the State Athletic Commission.

Even without New York, the Rock-a-bye Baby seems to be doing all right for and by himself.

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GOSSIP along the International Front: Back from his European jaunt, Lew Burston, the 20th Century Club's ambassador-at-large, reports the likelihood of several outstanding ringmen over yonder invading our midst shortly.

Olle Tandberg, Swedish heavy, who scrambled plans for a date between Joe Louis and Joe Baksi at the Yankee Stadium by copping a decision over Baksi in Stockholm, is one probable visitor.

Marcel Cerdan also is expected back, after fulfilling a few commitments in France. Two other French favorites planning to hop over here are middleweights Laurent (Tarzan) Dauthuille and Jean Walzack, while Holland's outstanding welter, Luc van Dam, also is considering a trip to this side.

England's 19-year-old middleweight sensation, Randolph Turpin, still is in the British Navy, but his hitch runs out in another month or two, and there is a strong possibility he will pay us a short visit to pick up some practical experience in American methods of operation.

One of the best fighters Burston spotted during his rambles was the Australian feather, Eddie Miller, described as a "smart, efficient mechanic who knows his trade." Miller's stay in Britain was cut short when Eddie hustled back to Australia to greet the arrival of another heir. But he is planning to return to London this winter and campaign for a crack at the Empire feather title, currently held by Al Phillips. If successful in that quest, Miller probably will point his sights for New York and a possible match with Willie Pep.

Mentioning Miller reminds us that another Australian considering a jaunt to the United States is the island continent's top scribe, Tommy Burns. Tommy has been away from the ring for several months, taking a flier in motion pictures, but expects to don the gloves again in November, and, after a couple of tune-up matches, may head for these parts.

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THE resignation of Jack (Zunk) Serlin as Nat Rogers' assistant in the 20th Century's matchmaking department, and the appointment of Chick Bogad to succeed him, has started the rumors flying. During Rogers' recent hospital siege, Lew Burston filled in for him and now that Nat is back, the fistic fraternity is wondering what's next on the calendar.

Abe J. Greene, National Boxing Association prexy, may be permitted a few giggles these days. When Ike Williams hung that six-round kayo on Bob Montgomery in Philadelphia, he gave the N.B.A. a score of five wins in six starts against New York-recognized entries in title showdowns. . . . Incidentally, an interesting sidelight on the Williams-Montgomery fracas was the presence in the same ringside pew, though several seats apart, of Governors Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey and James H. Duff of Pennsylvania, rooting for their respective constituents.

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VINCE DUNDEE, one-time claimant of the middleweight title, was given quite a lift recently at his home in Glendale, Cal., when friends tossed a surprise party for him on his 43rd birthday. Vince, who has been in ill health for several years, and is confined to a wheel chair, played host to such past ring stars as Jim Jeffries, Willie Ritchie, Mushy Callahan, Bull Montana, Georgie Levine and Abe Bain. Someone helped enliven festivities by bringing along and showing some old fight films, among them one of Vince's battle with Teddy Yarosz in Pittsburgh.

Ye old maestro, Jimmy Brienza of Newark, back in fistic circulation after five years of war work, is hepped up over a 20-year-old heavyweight prospect he has in tow, a blond West Virginian named Clyde Jolly, standing 6 feet, 4 inches, and scaling 202 pounds. Jimmy is busy now scouting around for other ambitious youngsters, and has fond visions of coming up with a real gang of promising kids.

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NOT satisfied with his progress in the beak-busting industry, Willis (Red) Applegate, Montclair heavy, has shifted his versatile athletic talents to the diamond, and is pitching for the Newark Eagles of the Negro National Baseball League. Next, we'll probably hear of Applegate taking a crack at pro football.

Davey Abad, Panamanian bantam star of the '20's, is shipping a couple of his Canal Zone proteges to New York for Eddie Walker to handle. They are Tito Despaigne, welter, and Sam Medina, feather. . . . Charley Bennett reports that Sunnyside Garden, in Long Island City, will open its 1947-48 campaign September 9. . . . A new indoor swatatorium listed for operation during the coming winter will hold forth in the Eastern Parkway Roller Rink in Brooklyn. It starts September 22; seating capacity 4500. . . . Gus Lesnevich and Tami Mauriello will resume their feud October 31 in the Garden. . . . Billy Brown, currently arranging the cards at the Jerome Stadium, will shift to the Park Arena for the indoor season. . . . Zunk Serlin, late of Mike Jacobs' organization, may promote in the Newark Armory this winter.

## A DASH OF IRONY

**LIFE is full of little ironical twists. Consider, for instance, Rocky Graziano, the new middleweight champion of the world. Out of the purse he received for his title-winning affair with Tony Zale in Chicago, plus any other earnings he may report this year, Rocky, as a resident of New York, will have to pay a robust hunk of income taxes to a state that barred him from making a livelihood in his adopted profession.**

The month's results:

Charley Fusari's stock took another drop when the Irvington, N. J., blond, with pronounced advantages in height, reach and weight, blew an unexpected decision in ten to Philadelphia's Eddie Giosa in the Garden. Fusari, who scaled 144½ to Giosa's 137, seemed puzzled by his chunkier opponent's bobbing, weaving style. At that, Charley wasn't given any the better of it by the officials. Disappointing though his performance was, Fusari tried all the way, rolled up points with body punching, and twice staggered Giosa with belts to the head. Eddie, for his part, fought only in flashes, but picked his spots well. It was another instance of "mob psychology" in action. The sentiment of the fans swung to Giosa when the "underdog" came through with a better showing than had been expected, and it played a large role in rooting him in. Every time Eddie swung a punch, whether it landed or not, the sparse gathering was provoked to noisy applause, while any effective work done by Fusari was ignored. Both judges, Frank Forbes and Tim Gilfoyle, tabbed Giosa by slight margins, but this department felt Referee Arthur Donovan was closer to the actual count. He voted for a draw.

A turnout of less than 6000 contributed a gross gate of $17,082, the season's low for the Garden.

Hy Bronstein and Nick Kashuba, Brooklyn rivals, each weighing 159, slugged through six rough rounds in the semi-finals, with Bronstein's awkward southpaw style giving him the edge. Dennis Harvey, 128¾, Warren, Ohio, and Filberto Osario, 125, Puerto Rico, battled to a draw in another six, while in fours, Willie Wilson, 135½, Brooklyn, won over Pat Brady, 138½, Bronx, and Terry Lowe, 147½, Newark, fractured the jaw of Willie Clark, 146½, Detroit, in the fourth.

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The industrious Sonny Horne of Valley Stream, one of the most active campaigners in the middleweight class, had to travel on high to finish in front of hard-hitting Jerry Marshall, formerly of St. Louis and Chicago, now operating out of Harlem, in a close eight at Jamaica Arena. Horne scaled 159 to Marshall's 160. A real surprise was uncovered in the semi-final, when Russell Richter, 146, promising Paterson youngster, was kayoed by Joe Murray, 142, Elmont, L. I. A vicious right to the jaw dropped Richter for nine late in the first, and another right to the same spot finished him early in the second.

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Up-and-coming Bobby Plant, who shifts his allegiance between Newark and Coney Island, added another win to his steadily-increasing list by polishing off Billy Strauss of Paterson in the sixth at Fort Hamilton Arena. Plant weighed 141 to Strauss' 142. In the semi-final eight, Pete Ferrente, 133, South Brooklyn, had the better of Herbie Johnson, 131, Bay Ridge. Another eight resulted in a decision for Joey Dell, 131, New Haven, over Jimmy Hegeman, 129, Red Hook.

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A consistent winner in metropolitan rings, rangy Pete Mead, 161, Grand Rapids, was hard pressed to edge out a close decision in ten over the veteran Louis Hardwick (Cocoa Kid), 156, New Haven, at Coney Island Velodrome. Many of those present felt Cocoa Kid had the better of the going. Mickey Ferrengio, 161, Coney Island, outpunched Edco Greenwood, 156½, Harlem, in a spirited six, and Andy Drachmas, 142½, East Side, grabbed the verdict over Len Denham, 142, Brooklyn, in four.

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Rocco Rossano, 145, younger of the battling brothers of Brooklyn, required less than two rounds to stow away Patsy Brandino, 141¼, Hamilton, Canada, at the Queensboro Arena. A two-round kayo also wound up the semi-final when Moe Weiss, 135½, Bronx, finished off Billy Miller, 133½, Cincinnati. Frankie Carson, 125, Newark, drew with Jesus Compos, 124, Puerto Rico, in six, and Val Mancuso, 139½, Paterson, outpointed Ray Jackson, 140, Cincinnati, in four.

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A nine-count knockdown in the seventh and a strong finish in the eighth gave the crude but hard-hitting Norwegian, Harry Berntsen, 202, now living in Bay Ridge, a well-earned decision over the veteran Buddy Knox, 214½, Dayton, at MacArthur Stadium. The win squared accounts for a defeat suffered by Berntsen at Knox's hands in the same ring two weeks previously. In the semi-final eight, Joey Brocato, 129½, East Side, outpointed Herbie Johnson, 131¾, Brooklyn. In sixes, Marvin Dick, 122, Brownsville, defeated a borough rival, Joe Gamby, 126, and Autry Barnes, 156, whipped Lew Perez, 155½, the Puerto Rican clown. In fours, Bobby Williams, 132, Scranton, edged out Johnny Nicholson, 130, Brooklyn, and Willie Reeves, 159½, Harlem, kayoed Henry Robinson, 155, Philadelphia, in the first.

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Carrying a few too many guns for his rival, Walter Cartier, 159, Bridgeport, punched out a decisive win over Gene Boland, 159, Detroit, in eight at Croke Park. Danny Ruggiero, 149, Yonkers, was the semi-final winner when Dennis McCabe, 148, Bronx, was disqualified in the third. Eli DeLoach, 146, Harlem, outpointed Joe Poccia, 149, Yonkers, in six, and in another six, Ben Jeffers, 156, Bronx, decisioned Jimmy Jackson, 157, Harlem.

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In the only scrap to go its prescribed route at Jerome Stadium, Davey Cohen, 148, Bronx, outpunched Billy Nelson, 146½, Harlem, in a lively eight. All the other bouts wound up in kayoes. In scheduled eights, Julie Bort, 137, Brooklyn, stopped Mickey Citro, 136, Philadelphia, in the sixth; James Carter, 133½, Bronx, halted Thompson Harmon 135, Harlem, in the fifth, and Jimmy Corti, 137½, Trenton, put a finish to Kenny Hilton, 139, Brooklyn, also in the fifth. In the opening four, Patsy Roscano, 152½, Bronx, suffered a fractured jaw in the first, and was not permitted to come out for the second against Andy Chapman, 152, Harlem.

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Ray Spurlock, 159½, Kansas City southpaw, stopped Mel Hawkins, 156¾, Bronx, in the fifth of a scheduled eight at Jamaica Arena. In other eights, Tommy (Terry) McGovern, 135, flashy young Britisher, ran off his seventh straight win in American rings by outpointing Clyde English, 127, Brooklyn, and Mike Tarantino, 123¼, East Side, halted George Wright, 124, Philadelphia, in the seventh.

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The all-time record gate at Fort Hamilton Arena and the top figure for the summer at the smaller metropolitan clubs, was set when a complete sellout crowd of 5900 contributed $10,027 to see Paddy DeMarco, 136½, Navy Yard district, knock out Jimmy Warren, 135, Bushwick, in the sixth. It was estimated that more than 2000 fans were turned away. In sixes, Hal Anspach, 157, Millburn, N. J., won over Tony Masciarelli, 156, Bronx, and Jimmy Hooper, 173, Brooklyn, decisioned Jimmy McCrawford, 172, Bronx. In fours, Ray Jackson, 142, West Side, outpointed Val Mancuso, 142, Toronto, and Ralph Hughes, 160, Valley Stream, had the better of Tony Romano, 162, South Brooklyn.

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The largest turnout of the season at Long Beach Stadium—estimated at 4200—sat in on an abbreviated scuffle between Sonny Horne, 160½, busy Valley Stream veteran, and Juan Serrano, 164¾, Havana. The scrap was halted in the third by Referee Abe Simon when the Cuban fractured his left arm. Horne was well in front at the time. In sixes Paul Midiri, Corona lightweight, with a five-pound advantage, edged out Georgie Knox, Newark; Lou Castrilli, Bronx 130-pounder, outpointed Greg Gomez, Jamaica, and Joe Gamby, Brooklyn feather, whipped Sammy Chernoff, Brownsville. In fours, Frank Nardizzi, Corona welter, outfought Frankie Dell, Brooklyn, and Jesse Jenkins, Monticello middleweight, trounced Richie Dallas, Bronx.

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Though outweighed nearly 20 pounds, Ezzard Charles, 174½, Cincinnati, apparently won handily over Elmer Ray, 194¼, Hastings, Fla., in a hard-fought ten in the Garden, but the verdict was given against him. One of the judges, Marty Monroe, voted for Charles, but was outnumbered by the other judge, George Lebron, and the referee, Eddie Josephs, who tabbed Ray. Our scoresheet credited Charles with six rounds, Ray with three, and one even.

Ray was the aggressor most of the way, but Charles was the faster, the better boxer and the sharper hitter. Ezzard piled up points steadily by the use of an effective left hand. Because of Ray's bobbing, weaving style, and awkward defense of shoulders and arms, the Cincinnatian experienced difficulty getting clean shots at Elmer's chin, but he did manage to connect a couple of times with punches that jarred his heavier opponent.

The scrap, though hard fought, was not particularly spectacular, and as an elimination bout to determine a possible November vis-a-vis for Champion Joe Louis, it served the purpose of eliminating both rivals.

The attendance was 8290 and the receipts $35,921.

In sixes, Zack Robinson, 162½, Clairton, Pa., outfought J. C. Wilkins, 159, Bronx; Gino Buonvino, 198½, Italy, looked good in whipping William Brown, 194, Bronx; Jackie Burke, 154½, Pittsburgh, trounced Don Hassock, 162, Paterson, and Ruben Jones, 170½, Norfolk, squared accounts for a previous defeat by whipping Andy (Buster) Peppe, 177, Greenwich Village. In fours, Joe Mason, 179½, Pittsburgh, banged out a decision over Bobby Jakas, 193, Brooklyn, and Henry Holley, 173½, Brooklyn, stiffened James Johnson, 173, Mount Vernon, in the first.

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Though slow and apparently not in the best of condition, Maxie Shapiro, 133½, East Side, held Al Pennino, 132½, Red Hook, to a close decision in ten at Coney Island Velodrome. Andy Drachmas, 135, East Side, mauled his way to a verdict over Willie Serrano, 132, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. In another six, Bernie Dowd, 131, whipped his Brooklyn rival, Bobby Williams, 133½. Tim Healy, 119½, Williamsburg, a bantam worth watching, kayoed Don Orlando, 124½, Bay Ridge, in the fourth. Ivor Fredericks, 123, Harlem, and Jesus Campos, 126, Puerto Rico, drew in six.

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Registering his second triumph since his return to the ring after nearly two years on the sidelines with a broken hand, Danny Bartfield, 135¾, East Side, tossed a boxing lesson into Humberto Zavala, 142, Mexico, in eight at the Queensboro Arena. In sixes, Paddy Young, 142½, Bronx, outpointed Joe Poccia, 139¾, Yonkers; Hal Anspach, 158½, Millburn, N. J., defeated Herbie Morris, 156¾, Cleveland, and Russell Richter, 147, Paterson, won from Kenny Hilton, 141¾, Brooklyn. Two one-round kayoes were scored by Clem Blake, 145¾, Mount Vernon, who stopped Charley Zack, 149¾, West Side, and Al Wynn, 169½, Bronx, who flattened Lou Morgan, 166, Corona.

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One of the busiest preliminary fighters in the metropolitan district, Danny Ruggiero, 149, Yonkers, was given a crack at top billing at Croke Park, and celebrated the occasion by grabbing a close decision in eight over Jimmy Henderson, 151¾, Paterson, who also was showing in a main event for the first time. Eugene Harrison, 138, Bronx deaf mute, made his pro bow in a scheduled six, and was credited with a kayo in three over Bobby Rosado, 139, another Bronxite. Ray Lewis, 130½, Washington Heights, whipped Freddie Latson, 134, St. Louis, in six, while in fours Frank Fitzpatrick, 181, Washington Heights, stopped James Johnson, 181, Mount Vernon, in the first; George LaFalgio, 129, Bronx, flattened Johnny Nicholson, 134, Brooklyn, in the fourth, and Willie Reeves, 156¾, Harlem, outpointed Ralph Hughes, 158, Valley Stream.

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Kayoes were again delivered in wholesale lots at Jerome Stadium. In the top eight, Horace Bailey, 154½, Harlem, subbing for the veteran Cocoa Kid, suffered a nasty gash over the left eye in the first stanza with Ernie Vigh, 160, Newburgh, and the referee halted the affair between rounds. Pat Brady, 134¾, Bronx, finally flattened Bill Smith, 138¼, New Bedford, in the sixth of a wild and woolly brawl that produced 13 knockdowns, Brady hitting the canvas six times and Smith seven. Jack Barber, 174, Bronx, belted out Luther McMillen, 173, Harlem, in the third, and Norman James, 138¼, a recent arrival from Liverpool, England, was stopped in the first by Joe Halmis, 140, Passaic.

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The popularity of Herbie Kronowitz with Brooklyn fans was again evidenced when the Coney Island middleweight, with Joe Agosta of East New York as his opponent, drew 4,500 fans and a gate of $6,720 at MacArthur Stadium. While Kronowitz won handily enough, he had to hustle all the way. He and Agosta each scaled 158½. In other scraps that went the limit, Bob Eisler, 170, Bronx, outpointed the veteran Al Zappala, 175½, Newark, in six, and Jerry Heimowitz, 152½, Brooklyn, won from Joe Demetrius, 148½, Bronx, in four. Kayoes cut short the other prelims. Mike Verrengio, 161, Coney Island, flattened Ted DiGiammo, 158¾, North Bergen, N. J., in the second; Bill Downing, 131¾, Lakewood, iced Fred Nelson, 130, Harlem, also in the second, and Richie Dallas, 161, Bronx, put away Harold McKenny, 160¾, Brooklyn, in the third.

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The only major outdoor attraction of the summer hereabouts—Gus Lesnevich vs. Tami Mauriello, topping a benefit card for the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund—played to approximately 24,000 customers and a gross of $102,955 at Ebbets Field. The Fund was enriched $27,059.53.

Fighting for the light-heavy title, Lesnevich twice whipped Mauriello in the Garden in 1941. By taking a heavier Mauriello into camp for his third win, Gus automatically earned permanent possession of the Bronx belter.

But Lesnevich just about squeezed through in a bruising battle. Well out in front at the end of the seventh, Gus faded rapidly in the last three rounds, and just about survived Mauriello's desperate closing rally.

The final count was close, and this department's tally just about matched those of the referee and two judges. Our card gave Lesnevich five rounds to Mauriello's four, with one even. Gus scaled 178½ to Tami's 197—the lightest Mauriello weighed in three years.

Lesnevich's young protege, Bernie Reynolds, 178½, Fairfield, Conn., belted his way to a close win over Leo Matriciani, 204, Baltimore, in eight. In another eight, Laverne Roach, 154½, former Texan, now living in Millburn, N. J., was a wee bit too clever for the veteran Norman Rubio, 151, Albany. The only kayo on the card was turned in by Danny Williams, 154, Hudson, N. Y., whose opponent, Larry Fontana, 153½, Brooklyn, was forced to retire at the end of the fourth because of cuts. In the opening four, Henry Holley, 173, Brooklyn, was too big for Tom McKeagney, 163½, West Side Irishman.

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Down for nine in the sixth, Freddie Addeo, 144½, Greenpoint, succeeded in gaining a close verdict over Al Hirsch, 151¾, East Side, in a spirited eight at Jamaica Arena. Hirsch, fighting his first main event, made things interesting for his more experienced opponent, and was well in front until he ran out of gas in the closing rounds. In preliminary sixes, Orlando Fernandez, 124, Cuba, decisioned Domingo Rivera, 121, Puerto Rico, and Don Hassock, 161, Paterson, outpointed Autry Barnes, 154, Harlem. In fours, Larry Casati, 160, Brooklyn, edged out Andy Chapman, 152, Harlem; Hy Melzer, 141, East Side, drew with Frankie Dell, 136, Brooklyn, and Bobby

Curtis, 145, Glendale, decisioned George Montgomery, 150, Cleveland.

Ermano Bonetti, 129, the Italian featherweight, chalked up his third straight win in American rings by taking a unanimous decision in eight from Charley Noel, 129, Brooklyn, at Long Beach Stadium. In three other eights, Julie Bort, 136, East Side, outpointed Walter Keene, 138, Pittsburgh; Greg Gomez, 131, Jamaica, was awarded a disputed decision over Jimmy Marino, 133, East New York, and Jimmy Callura, 122, Hamilton, Ont., floored Joe Colon Garcia, 120, Cuba, seven times before winning by a kayo in the fourth. Using an effective left hand, Ralph Hughes, 158, formerly of Florida, now of Valley Stream, impressed in outpointing Jerry Heimowitz, 152, Brooklyn, in the opening four.

Fort Hamilton Arena, the most successful of the smaller clubs in the metropolitan district, clicked with another fine turnout—4,500 fans and a $7,372 gate—for the meeting of Pete Mead, 139½, Grand Rapids, and Eddie Guarino (Clem Fitzpatrick), 159, Ozone Park. Mead was credited with a kayo when Guarino was unable to continue at the close of the sixth. In sixes, Eli DeLoach, 146, Brooklyn, defeated Russell Richter, 147, Paterson; Pete Ferrente, 132, Red Hook, whipped Pat Judge, 129, Liverpool, England, and Earl Shaw, 148, Bronx, scored over Eddie McGloin, 145, West Side. In fours, Jules Renald, 152, Bronx, outpunched Willie Reeves, 154, Harlem, and Bob Marshall, 146, Brooklyn, stopped Greg Browson, 148, Bay Ridge, in the fourth.

Registering his fourth main bout decision in a month, Herbie Kronowitz, 158½, Coney Island, breezed through to an easy win in ten over his Brooklyn rival, Jerry Fiorello, 160½, at the Queensboro Arena. In sixes, Eli DeLoach, 147½, Harlem, whipped Arthur Mott, 147½, Atlanta; Moe Weiss, 136, Bronx, won from Bobby Root, 136, Corona, and Bob Isler, 173, Harlem, outpointed Jack Porter, 174, Brooklyn. In fours, Lynn Durham, 145½, Brooklyn, decisioned Earl Shaw, 147½, Bronx, and Joe Scarlotta, 129, Harlem, scored a technical kayo in two over John Nicholson, 134, Bronx.

In a hectic brawl while it lasted, Nick Melli, 147, Bay Ridge, floored Louis Olmo, 156, Elmont, four times before a halt was called in the third at Coney Island Velodrome. In other sixes, Herbie Johnson, 134, Bay Ridge, drew with Eddie White, 134, Jamaica; Johnny Moran, 129, Bronx, trounced Johnny Johnikin, 130, Harlem, and Tony Masciarelli, 156, Bronx, whipped Edco Greenwood, 158, Brooklyn. Rocco Vallo, 160, Long Island City, outpointed Tommy Alberto, 158, Greenpoint, in four, and Al Wynn, 164, Bronx, kayoed Ralph Hughes, 159, Valley Stream, in the first.

Squaring accounts for a previous defeat suffered in a Garden semi-final, Johnny LaRusso, 132½, whipped his Bronx rival, Dennis Pat Brady, 132½, in a hotly contested eight at Croke Park. In the semi-final six, Moe Harvey, 134, Warren, O., was returned winner over Tom Murray, 135½, Montreal. Freddie Latson, 133, St. Louis, stopped Guillermo Roberts, 127, Puerto Rico, in the second.

A last-minute substitute for Jimmy Lake, Jimmy Hooper, 177½, Brooklyn, tossed something of a surprise into the assembled gathering at Jerome Stadium by punching out a decision in ten over Johnny Colan, 174½, former West Sider, now operating out of Astoria. Colan was in difficulties in the eighth and ninth, but managed to stagger through. In the semi-final, Paddy Young, 144½, Greenwich Village, kayoed Jimmy Hickens, 142, East Side, in the second. Greg Gomez, 134, Bronx, outpointed Anthony Viserto, 136, Bronx, in six, and Sol Carter, 135, Toronto, won from J. D. Grim, 131, Bronx, in four.

The veteran Lee Savold, 210½, Paterson, was entirely too ringwise for willing but crude Alberto Marchioni, 191¼, Argentina, and handed the South American a thorough whipping before the referee halted the uneven affair in the eighth at Croke Park. In sixes, Tommy Murray, 136, Montreal, stopped Freddie Latson, 139¾, St. Louis, in the first, and Bob Marshall, 140¾, Bronx, halted J. B. Griffin, 132½, Orlando, Fla., in the second. In fours, Guillermo Roberts, 126¾, Puerto Rico, outpointed Nat Terranova, 126½, Bronx; Jules Rinaldo, 155, Bronx, decisioned Donald Crame, 155½, Garfield, N. J., and Donald Holmo, 142, West Side, kayoed Johnny Ambrose, 138½, Bronx, in the second.

Returning to the ring after a five-months' absence, Gene Gosney, 206½, Seminole, Okla., resumed his winning way by pounding out a decision in eight over the veteran Buddy Knox, 204½, Dayton, Ohio, at the Queensboro Arena. Paddy Young, 144½, West Side, whipped Ossie Cooper, 142½, Pittsburgh, in the semi-final six. In the prelims, Mickey Carter, 191, Montgomery, Ala., flattened Johnny Hollyway, 200½, Florence, S. C., in the first; Angelo Morganti, 143, Bronx, stopped Val Mancuso, 137, Toronto, in the sixth; Ben Russ, 199, Pasadena, Tex., kayoed Dave Glanton, 182½, Harlem, in the second, and Bobby Sloan, 136½, Miami, Okla., outpointed Johnny Nicholson, 136, Brooklyn, in four.

Stepping in on short notice for the ailing Julie Bort, Filberto Osario, 127, Puerto Rico, came through with a surprisingly good showing against heavily-favored Joe Pennino, Red Hook, in a top eight at Coney Island Velodrome. Pennino won, but had to hustle all the way. A knockdown in the third represented the margin by which Tito Valles, 128, East Side, edged out Jimmy Hegeman, 128¾, Red Hook, in the semi-final six. Two other sixes, offering welterweights, wound up in two-round kayos, Nick Mistovich, Youngstown, stopping Tom McElvene, Bronx, and Phil Burton, St. Louis, halting Roscoe Hinson, Harlem.

Continuing his rapid climb up the fistic ladder, Bobby Plant, 141, of Newark and Coney Island, ran off another win at MacArthur Stadium by punching out a decision in eight over Joe Carney, 135, Bronx. In the semi-final, Eddie Lee, 161, Amsterdam, N. Y., subbing for Vic Amato, proved no match for Hy Bronstein, 160, Brooklyn, and Referee Eddie Joseph halted matters in the third. Kayoes were registered by Bob Isler, 172, Brooklyn, who halted Jim McCrawford, 171, Bronx, in the fourth, and Jim DeMetrius, 148, East Side, who flattened James Colbert, 143, Brooklyn, in the first. In fours, Gene Norman, 146, Mount Vernon, decisioned Jay Orr, 150, Flatbush, and Billy Downing, 132, Lakewood, edged out Bob Williams, 132, Scranton.

Billy Smith, 140, New Bedford, Mass., squared accounts with Pat Brady, 139¾, Bronx, by winning decisively in their encore six at Jerome Stadium. The previous week, Brady stopped Smith in the sixth of a riotous brawl marked by 13 knockdowns. The New Englander had all the better of the return match, and registered the only knockdown of the scrap, flooring Brady for nine in the fifth. Rollin LaStarza, 187, Bronx, halted Al Zapalla, 180, Newark, in the fifth of the semi-final, and Bob Sampson, 135¼, Youngstown, chalked up a verdict over Al Starling, 130, Princeton, in another six.

Jimmy Carollo, 201, Corona, packed too much stuff for Harry Berntsen, 202, the Bay Ridge Norwegian, and won handily in eight at MacArthur Stadium. Charley Zack, 147½, West Side, stopped Bill Ganges, 150, Brooklyn, in the fourth of the semi-final. In sixes, Orlando Fernandez, 124½, Tampa, Fla., was too much for Jimmy Hegeman, 128½, Red Hook, and Ivor Fredericks, 123, Harlem, punched out a decision over Frankie Carson, 125, Newark. In fours, Marcel Theriault, 131½, Canada, outpointed Willie Serrano, 132, Williamsburg, and Eric Best, 156½, Brooklyn, whipped his borough rival, James Lorenzo, 157.

In running off his twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth starts, Rocco Rossano, 145, younger of the battling Brooklyn brothers, stopped his borough rival, Jimmy McDonough, 147, in the ninth at Fort Hamilton Arena. Close to 5,000 paid $7,760 to see the affair, which was halted by Referee Al Berle to save McDonough from further punishment. In the semi-final six, Mike Jacobs, 178, Jersey City, decisioned Joe Mason, 180, Pittsburgh. In the other sixes, Paul Midiri, 132, Corona, whipped Johnny Grosso, 132, Philadelphia, and Freddie Severn, 138, Montreal, drew with Ray Jackson, 140, Harlem. Bobby Williams, 128, Scranton, outpointed Tim Healey, 125, West Side, in four.

Billy Fox has punched himself out of Georgie Kochan as a victim. The Philadelphian, at 171, required less than four rounds to stop the former Akronite, 174, in the Garden. Kochan made things fairly interesting for two rounds, but wilted under Fox's vicious bombardment, and was staggering around drunkenly when Referee Frank Fullam halted matters. It was the third time Kochan had been kayoed by Fox, and in anybody's language, three strikes are out.

The attendance was 7,409 and the gate $19,180.

Two upsets were registered in other tens, when heavily-favored Bronxites, Willie Beltram, 136, and Irving Palefsky, 152½, were beaten by Brooklynites, Johnny Dell, 134¾, and Vinnie Rossano, 152. It was Beltram's first defeat in 23 starts, Dell having previously lost to him twice. Palefsky had run off 13 straight wins before Rossano checked the streak. In fours, Mike Verrengio, 161, Coney Island, whipped Tony Masciarelli, 156¾, Bronx, and Ernie Butler, 150½, Washington, drew with George Bradford Smith, 149, Harlem.

The epidemic of visiting Italian ringmen continues. The latest importation, middleweight Bill Poli of Milan, celebrated his local debut by punching out a decision over Randy Brown, Mount Vernon, in one of three eights at Long Beach Stadium. Poli scaled 156 to Brown's 161. In the other eights, Pat Scanlon, 136, Ozone Park, decisioned Pete Manchio, 131, Scranton, and Frank Rubio, 135½, Brooklyn, copped the decision over Freddie Nelson, 136, Chicago. Lou Castrilli, 131, Bronx, had the better of Georgie Knox, 126, Newark, in six.

In registering his eighth straight win in American rings, Tommy (Terry) McGovern, 137, flashy young Englishman, turned in a sparkling exhibition to take an easy decision in eight over Joe Murray, 142½, Elmont, L. I., at Jamaica Arena. In the semi-final six, Mike Tarrantino, 123½, West Side, edged out Orlando Fernandez, 126, Cuba. A couple of one-round kayoes were hung up by Larry Queen, 147, Rockaway, who crowned Phil Dolce, 145½, Garfield, and Leon Gabriel, 144½, Atlantic City, who stiffened Ernest Dennis, 139¾, Damora, Pa.

## IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By BILLY SHAW

OUTDOOR boxing is big business in Syracuse this summer, with most of the shows staged pulling profitable crowds. A crowd of 4,200 turned out July 28 to see young Joey DeJohn outpoint Bobby Morris of Detroit, in a six-round windup at MacArthur Stadium. Despite the fact the bout was Joey's first main go, and his first start in his home town since he became a professional, the scrap drew $7,600.

DeJohn is still lacking the polish and experience of his older brother Ralph, but he is coming along okay. Co-managers Joe Netro and Johnny DeJohn are not over-matching Joey. The youngster is fast, strong and willing. He has plenty on the fistic ball and with proper handling is going to be a good fighter. Joey floored Morris, a tall, gangling youth with a long left, twice, once in the fourth, again in the fifth. Only by hanging on was Bobby able to last the distance. Both weighed 155 pounds.

Parson Bob Jacobs, 175, Philadelphia, took the official award over Tony DeMicco, 178, Schenectady, in a rough and action-packed six-round semi-final. Johnny Rollins, 140, Albany, beat Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 134, Rochester, in another fast sixer. Eduardo Zeratos, 125, Mexico, scored a technical knockout over Roosevelt Flagg, 121½, Albany, in 55 seconds of the first round. Zeratos' body punching put Flagg out of action, Referee Lou Marks of Utica halting the bout to save him further punishment.

Calvin Leigh, 118, Rochester, notched his third straight win here when he decisioned Art Olsen, 117, Utica, in a torrid six-round bout. Billy Bender, 159, Buffalo, was victim of a rank decision that gave Johnny Wilson, 154, Newark, N. Y., the verdict in a four-round opener.

One card that failed to lure plenty of lucre to the box offices was presented on the night of July 22 when Johnny Sheppard, 147, Cleveland, was decisioned by an "unknown", Jose Camagueyano, 140. From the ringside it looked like Sheppard won seven of the ten heats, and Judge Norman Ott saw it that way. Judge Dick Albino marked off five rounds for each boxer on his score card; while Referee Jack Michaels voted six for Camagueyano, four for Sheppard.

Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 131, Rochester, kayoed Herb Eaton, 133, Rome, in 1:25 seconds of the first session. Vic Jade, 131, Cleveland, duplicated the feat, icing Roosevelt Flagg, 121, Albany, in the second. Al Hulbert, 175, Rome, beat LeRoy Kenny, 167, Baltimore, in a rousing sixer. Eddie Morton, 152, Albany, banged out a win over Joe Taylor, 155, Binghamton, in four heats; while Calvin Leigh, 117, Rochester, stiffened Mickey Firenza, 113, Solvay, in the second.

Over in Johnson City (June 6) heavyweight Joe Matisi, Endicott, won a ten-round decision over Billy Sullivan of Chicago, in the feature at Johnson Field. Frankie Best, 178, Fredonia, took the nod over Tony De Micco, 174½, Schenectady.

Elmer (Violent) Ray, Florida heavyweight contender, made his second appearance here July 14, scoring a seven-round knockout over Howard Chard, husky Scranton gamester, in a surprise battle that drew 4,400 who paid $6,800 to view it. The powerful Elmer had Chard on the deck three times.

Tony DeMicco, 178, Schenectady, who gets plenty of work in Central New York rings because he gives a lot of action, was given an unpopular decision over Tony DeNero, 176, Rochester, in the six-round semi-final. DeNero, the sharper puncher and the aggressor all the way, was tied up frequently by the powerful DeMicco who did considerable damage in the in-fighting. Billy Adams, 163, Buffalo, flattened Billy Sweet, 160, Scranton, in the third. Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 132½, Rochester, scored a T.K.O. over Glen Massey, 140, Buffalo, in the second. Massey was down three times and the third man automatically stopped it. Al Hulbert, 167, Rome, had Basil Holgash, 162, Old Forge, Pa., on the canvas the same number of times to get a T.K.O. win in the second.

Utica has been operating outdoors successfully, the latest promotion Aug. 7, showing Cliff Hart, blonde Syracuse sharpshooter, a knockout winner over Billy Dooley, New York welterweight, in the fourth round. In the semi-final, Verne Roman, Albany middleweight, stopped Hugo Bonacci, rough Syracuse slugger, in the second. Eli Hall, Buffalo middleweight, decisioned Billy Mimms, Philadelphia in six; Sam Matrone, veteran Syracuse lightweight, outsocked Herb Eaton, Rome, in six and Rickey Miller, Syracuse put away Bobby Frank, Utica, in one.

Don Hart, young brother of Cliff Hart, hopes to add further fistic fame to the family name when he returns from service abroad.

Short Stuff: Bob Moody, one-time Negro heavyweight sensation hereabouts, was a visitor in town last month. Big Bob is in business in Pennsylvania and has hung up the padded mitts for good.

# IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

THAT fast-firing Filipino of New Orleans, Bernard Docusen, treated Los Angeles Olympic fans to another dazzling fistic performance in scoring a seventh round T.K.O. victory over Joey Barnum of Culver City. Barnum got off to his usual good start, tearing out at the opening bell and shaking Docusen up with solid punches to the head to cop the initial round. Joey fought furiously for a few rounds, keeping the go an exciting one, but he played out from the fast pace and receipted for a severe lacing before the end.

As Barnum wilted, Docusen picked up speed and speared the Italian gamester with jabs that were almost too fast to keep track of. Joey kept wading in and occasionally landed a hard blow to arouse the hopes of those who had taken some of the 5-to-1 odds, but in each succeeding round the fight became more one-sided. Barnum was not floored, but was rocked to his heels numerous times from Docusen's well-timed uppercuts.

When the New Orleans speed merchant cut loose with those in-close flurries, Joey must have thought that all five of the younger Docusens had ganged up on him. Barnum was dazed and bleeding badly from an eye cut when Referee Johnny Indrisano halted the go late in the seventh. Each weighed 145.

In the semi, Jack Warren, 200, towering Negro of Pasadena, stopped Johnny Koster, 188, in the fourth. Warren spilled the blond battler for a 9-count in the third and had him in a bad way when it was stopped.

Other results: Bob Farris, 155, eliminated Gilbert Whiteside, 158, in the fourth; Richard Jones, 140, decisioned Virgil Door, 145, in four; Eddie Martin, 134, disposed of Dixie Fleming, 138, in the third; Nick Medoro, 140, beat Pappy Ross, 136, in a four.

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Ocean Park Arena fans are used to surprises, since many upsets occur in the Bay District ring, but one that completely flabbergasted them was Sonny Andrews, 180, of Los Angeles, whipping Tiger Sheppard, 176, Texas toughie. Andrews, recently out of the amateur ranks, was expected to be taken apart, but Sonny not only outboxed Sheppard, he landed the harder punches and won by a T.K.O. in the 10th round. Referee Reg Gilmore halted the bout just 20 seconds before the final gong, when Sheppard appeared unable to defend himself.

In remaining bouts, all four-rounders: Eddie Dyer, 165, laced Johnny Gardea, 166; Freddie Herman, 135, stopped Buddy Dunn, 134, in the fourth; Pal Moran, 134, defeated Lucky Richardson, 132; Jess Bojorquez, 141, K.O.'ed Carlos Salinas, 140, in the third; Lawrence Brown, 142, nodded Billy Baldwin, 144.

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The Upset Kid has been upset! Alfredo Escobar, 4-to-1 to defeat Chuey Figueroa, was decisively beaten by the latter in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Figueroa, partly because of his cut eye hazard, wasn't conceded much of a chance against the tireless, aggressive Escobar. Chuey had also lacked the stamina to conquer rugged opponents. However, on this night he experienced no jinx and lacked nothing to make the best fight of his career.

Figueroa boxed cleverly, punched harder and kept cooler than in other scraps. Escobar lacked much of the stuff that he displayed in upsetting his higher-rated opponents. Alfredo was slow, had little power in his punches and even seemed to tire. He carried the fight to Figueroa and forced him to give ground, but this suited Chuey to a tee, for, in retreating, Figueroa made Escobar do a lot of missing and it gave Chuey the opportunity to land solid counter-punches on his in-rushing foe.

Figueroa decked Escobar for a seven-count in the fourth round and almost floored him in the opening heat with hard rights to the jaw. The decision was unanimous. Each weighed 132.

In the semi, Max Hutchins, 160, won by a T.K.O. over Ray Dioses, 161, in the third when Dioses was ruled out by the house physician because of a badly cut eye. It had been a close, exciting scrap up to the time it was stopped.

In the four-rounders: Bob Farris, 150, defeated Axel Boode, 150; Richard Lopez, 144, and Baby Sal, 142, fought a draw; Billy Herrera, 125, got the nod over Sidney Hitchens, 126; Benny Ventura, 154, drew with Lee Strong, 158.

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The hot weather during the past month has probably been the cause of the lethargy displayed by some of our leather-pushers. Lorenzo Safora of Cuba, and Little Giant of Buffalo, usually crowd-pleasers, engaged in a dull 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum that had the customers stomping for action. Giant made some effort, but was slow and missed badly. Safora used a left hook often enough to win a split decision. Their weights were 124.

In supporting bouts, Howard Jones, 130, beat Bee Jiminez, 128, in a six-round semi; Jess Mull and Freddie Garcia drew in four; Lucky Richardson defeated Kito Commarado, in a four; Jess Richards K.O.'ed Jack Napier in four.

California's lightweight champ, Enrique Bolanos, really looked the part in making his first defense of the title by rocking Mario Trigo to sleep at the Los Angeles Olympic. Trigo wasn't in the firing-pit long, but while he was in there he made it exciting for both Bolanos and the crowd. Mario came out punching and his instant attack, along with his switch-hitting style, had Bolanos a bit bewildered.

Having won the first heat with his two-fisted onslaught, Trigo carried the fight to Bolanos in the second. However, this lack of respect for his foe's punching power, made Mario the target for the pay-off kiss. It could be sensed that something was to happen. Instead of using footwork or defensive boxing to avoid Trigo's offensive, Enrique set himself and held gloves cocked for hard hitting. After a few exchanges, the finish came with dramatic suddenness.

Both let go with lefts at the same time. Trigo shot a long, straight left from a southpaw position as Bolanos whipped over a well-timed hook. Mario's punch put Bolanos' head slightly back. Enrigue's blow dropped Mario for the full count. Bolanos weighed 134, Trigo, 132.

In supporting bouts, Mike Angustain, 150, stopped Lee (Cotton) Gunter, 149, Texas, in the fifth round of the semi; Darnell Carter, 132, decisioned Vince Padilla, 131, in one of the remaining four-rounders; Bert Mendoza, 158, and Leroy Burleson, 160, fought a draw; Baby Sal, 140, whipped Babe Huerta 140; Tommy Jessen, 187, defeated Ardis Mack, 202.

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Many of those rousing waterfront brawls that used to take place on Pier 6, are nowadays staged in the Ocean Park Arena ring. Johnny Haynes, 220, Los Angeles, and Ralph (K.O.) Hooker, 197, Portland, engaged in one that had the fans in a dither. These two Negroes rate among the hardest hitters in the game. When they connect, something happens, and as both connected often, they were in a groggy state much of the time.

Hooker decked Haynes for an eight-count in the second. The Portlander spilled Johnny for a short count again in the third, but before the round was over Haynes floored Ralph for a five-count. Hooker had his giant foe on dizzy street early in the sixth, but Haynes weathered the storm and bowled the northerner over for the full count in this same heat.

In other bouts: Pal Moran, 132, defeated Freddie Herman, 135, (4); Lauro Salas, 129, won over Bee Jiminez, 128, (4); Billy Herrera, 126, K.O.'ed Sidney Hitchens, 125 (3); Ray Lewis, 147, nodded Charles Salas, 145, (4); Joe Tambe, 123, bested Eddie Hines, 116, (4).

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The biggest upset of the month was Jorge Sanchez's win over Luis Castillo in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. It was an interesting bout only because it featured a squatty, slow-moving little guy with a hefty wallop, trying to corner and tag a rangy, fast, back-pedaling slapper. Castillo has gone far back and Sanchez belongs in the prelims. The latter fights with all the ferociousness of a frightened rabbit and the crowd many times booed his safety-first tactics.

Sanchez jabbed, ran and clinched, to cop six of the rounds. Castillo rushed his elusive opponent continually, but his offensive was crude and he missed badly. Luis caught up with Jorge a few times to win three of the heats. Castillo floored Sanchez for a nine-count in the seventh. Each weighed 119.

In the semi, Jimmy Shans, 143, defeated Rudy Davila, 149, in an action-packed six-rounder. Shans won on his superior in-fighting.

In the four-rounders, Nap Howard, 157, and Leroy Burleson, 151, slugged to a draw; Luis Adame, 117, bested Benny Cleveland*, 118; Freddie Garcia, 144, decisioned Connie Smith, 140; Martin O'Malley, 136, nodded Carlos Salinas, 136.

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A good bantamweight could become "some pumpkins" in California this year. He could easily win the state title (if Harold Dade remained in featherweight division) and probably get a crack at Manuel Ortiz for the world title. A few years ago the best bantams in the business were performing in local rings. Today there isn't a really good bantam on the Coast.

Both Luis Castillo and Tony Olivera have slipped plenty. Benny Goldberg is still here and probably capable of beating the rest, but because of his hit, hold and run style, the fans have no desire to see him in action. Castillo, recognized as state champion, is a stablemate of Dade, which has prevented Harold from claiming the title, which the little Negro could win with one hand tied behind him. All the other local 118-pounders are just average preliminary kids.

So, Dear Reader, do you happen to have a good bantamweight running around your house that you could send out here to me? We would get you something very nice for Christmas.

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(*) Benny Cleveland collapsed after his bout with Adame, was removed to a hospital and died the next day.

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The veteran Sheik Rangel experienced little trouble beating Bob Arata in a 10-rounder at Fresno. After slowing the former New Yorker down with rights to the body, Sheik mussed Arata up in the clinches with some roughhouse milling. Arata tried hard to tag the Fresnoan with his potent right, but Sheik was too eagey for him. Rangel had the Italian so thoroughly whipped by the seventh, that he garnered the late rounds without too much effort.

In the eight-round semi, Al Robinson, 142, Fresno, had come from behind to win over Roughhouse Oliver, 142, Oakland. Robinson decked the Oaklander twice for eight-counts in the final heat to get the nod.

In three remaining bouts, Zeke Lucero, 135, Fresno, defeated Oscar Smith, 136, Oakland, in a four; Lee Sponsell, 152, San Francisco, iced Cal Kennedy, 157, Fresno, in the second; Gil Gonzales, 126, Fresno, decisioned Hal Lee, 122, San Francisco, in four.

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Although both boxers tried to make a fight of it, the bout between Charley Daniels, 146, Pittsburgh Negro, and Charles Salas, 145, Phoenix (Ariz.) Mexican, turned out a dud and many of the fans left the San Diego Coliseum before it was over. Salas missed continually and Daniels, mostly a defensive boxer, complained of injuring his right paw. Daniels got the nod.

In a companion 10-rounder, Bolton Ford, 149, Pittsburgh Negro, won a close, split decision over Irvin Steen, 138, San Diego Negro. This one was a gruelling setto, with Bolton, the winner, having both eyes closed at finish.

In three four-rounders, Howard Jones whipped Sidney Hitchens; Art Hardy decisioned Gilbert Whiteside; Lucky Richardson nodded Kito Commarado.

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The guy who phrased "Two heads are better than one" had never experienced our fight judges in action. Referee Mushy Callahan rightly tabbed Harold Dade as winner over Carlos Chavez in a 12-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Even after deducting a point from Dade because of a low blow, Callahan still had the speedy little Negro ahead by four points (as did this writer), but the two judges voted Chavez the winner.

It was a replica of their previous encounter. Fast, furious action with Chavez having a bit the best of the earlier rounds, tiring from the blistering pace and being severely shellacked in the late heats. However, in this second clash, the powerfully-built Mexican gave ground as much as the slender little darkey. And, too, Dade landed the hardest blows. Harold outclassed Chavez at infighting, where he prevented Chavez from hitting, while he, Dade, had Chavez's head bobbing as though it were on hinges.

Dade was decked once, in the second round, but not by a punch. Chavez buckled Harold's knees with blows to the head and as Dade attempted to clinch, Carlos shoved him off balance. Most of the 9000 fans plainly saw what happened, but the two judges apparently chalked it up as a knockdown. This observer credited Chavez with three rounds, Dade five, and tabbed four as even. Chavez weighed 126, Dade 123½.

In supporting bouts, all four-rounders, Ray Sandoval, 134, and Lauro Salas, 129, slugged to a draw; Stu Mallon, 166, K.O.'ed Marshall Nance, 168, in the third; Art Hardy, 160, decisioned Garfield Coleman, 159; Howard Jones, 129, drew with Ronald Cannon, 129; Eddie Hines, 117, decisioned Benny Cousins.

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Benny Cleveland, the little Indian gamester who has gone to the "happy hunting grounds," was the Los Angeles *Times* Golden Gloves bantam champion who represented this city at Chicago last winter. The contest in which he lost his life was only his second professional start. Cleveland, a member of the C.Y.O., was a congenial, soft-spoken little gentleman, in fact, the finest boy on our Chicago team.

Strangely, Cleveland's opponent in this fatal bout was Luis Adame, the Los Angeles Golden Gloves bantam champion of last year.

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Santa Monica's promising little scrapper, Richie Mendoza, 132, was handed a rude setback at the fists of Billy Gibson, 134, San Francisco Negro, before a home town crowd at Ocean Park Arena. Gibson chilled the personable Mendoza in the first minute of fighting. The 'Frisco clouter tore out at the opening bell and soon had Mendoza groggy from a hard right to the jaw. Another right to the button dropped Richie for the count.

In the prelims, Dario Barron, 138, bested Bernardo Ramirez, 134, in four-round semi; Tommy Lee James, 147, decisioned Vince Lanese, 145, in a four; Lucky Richardson, 134, drew with Louis Cohen, 140, in four; Freddie Hayes, 121, K.O.'ed Larry Arviso, 118, in the second; Ronald Cannon, 131, nodded Roosevelt Bonner, 129.

A guy with the umbrella concession (and the umbrellas) at Hollywood Stadium during the Bolanos-Prince go, could have retired on the sales made at ringside. By the sixth round, ringsiders were using newspapers, programs and the other fellow's straw hat to ward off the gore being splashed on them from Prince's bloody features. The Detroit Negro was bleeding from a gashed eye, nose and mouth. Was his face red!

The California lightweight champion had won every round from the Michigan lightweight champion. Prince fought courageously up to the moment the setto was halted in the eighth round, but Bolanos was just too good for him. By flailing away with both fists, Prince managed to get in a few solid punches, but the classy Mexican cleverly avoided most of Eddie's blows.

Bolanos decked Prince for a three-count in the opening round. The Detroiter landed a damaging blow below the belt in the fourth heat and Enrique was given a two-minute rest. Bolanos weighed 135, Prince 134. A packed house turned out for the bout.

Other results: Jimmy Martin, 175, won easily over Dick Underwood, 176, in six-round semi. Underwood finished with one eye closed and a bloody countenance; Richard Jones, 140, stopped Richard Lopez, 139, in the fourth; Bert Mendoza, 157, disposed of Leroy Anderson, 160, in three; Bernardo Ramirez, 132, decisioned Ramon Alva, 130, in four; Ray Lewis, 143, iced Pappy Dixon, 136, in three.

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The final show of the season at South Gate Arena featured Joe Louis in a four-round exhibition. The champion boxed two rounds each with Jack Warren, 200, and Carleton Perry, 202. Results of the five fights on the card were: Clyde Coyhis, 147, stopped Ad Alonzo, 148, in the fifth; Edgar Robinson, 160, and Eddie Lee fought a six-round draw; Baby Sal, 143, bested Fidel Aguilar, 142, in a four; Eddie Hines, 115, stalled Ray Salazar, 118, in the third; Joe Velez, 130, nodded Comacho Garcia, 133, in four.

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Wonder why it is that so many of our referees become cross-eyed when tabbing a fight from a ringside seat? In recent months our boxing judges have been voting as though they were guys that might have been drafted from either the farms, oil fields or water fronts, rather than being official, experienced referees. Maybe their eyes are too big.

Many bad decisions have been due to the votes of the judges, who overruled the referee, whose verdict in most cases, has been the correct one. The opinions of two observers should be more accurate than that of one—and could be—but it hasn't been so of late.

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The Bivins-Zander shindig figured to be a lusty scrap and Zander gave the crowd the impression that it was to be just that by the manner he started it off. Although Bobby came out with a chip on his shoulder, he ended up waving an olive branch. Cocky and rough at the start, Zander was meek as a kitten after the fourth heat, so, the bout became a very dull one, as Bivins wasn't doing it the hard way either.

In the early rounds, Bivins stymied Zander's rough tactics, made Bobby do a lot of missing and slowed the Texan down with a few solid jabs to the body. Jimmy then went on to win most of the rounds, but in an agonizing manner, jabbing lightly, posing and clowning. Zander made only a few brief efforts at fighting in the late rounds, preferring to back-pedal in spite of the "come on" gesture by Bivins. Bivins won eight of the ten rounds, but isn't the fighter he was. It was the poorest bout seen at the L. A. Olympic in months and both boxers were booed at the finish. Bivins weighed 181, Zander 177.

In the semi, Sonny Andrews, 182, Los Angeles Negro, made a real hit in stopping Stu Mallon, 183, blond southpaw of Redwood City, in the third. Mallon had been floored for an eight-count and was a bloody mess when it was halted.

In remaining prelims, Al Timmons, 177, decisioned Bob Bigley, 193, in a four; Tommy Jessup, 157, stopped Ardis Mack, 199, in the third; Jim Harding, 169, disposed of Marshall Nance, 168, in the first heat; Dutch Culbertson, 190, K.O.'ed Bob Scott, 197, in the second.

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The gate receipts and the action are both nothing better at the Fresno club. The answer is Bob Rangel. After he retired, the receipts dropped off and many of the fights were on the dull side. Few of the present-day scrappers put much zeal in their work as the Fresno toughie does. The Raisin City has just had the best fight staged in Ryan's Auditorium in months. Rangel fought a 10-round draw with Sal Perea of San Francisco.

It was a bruising affair with the advantage shifting from one to the other throughout. Perea was adept at the rough stuff too, and matched Rangel in dirty tactics, in spite of repeated warnings from the referee. The draw was not popular because the crowd was partial and not equally divided.

Other results: Erskine Howell, 148, Fresno, K.O.'ed Billy McGee, 154, San Francisco, four, in the semi; Earl Flynn, 148, won over Nat Tamburazzi, 149, four; Jack Dickenson, 151, stopped Wes Terrell, 152, four.

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Tiger Vines, 158, Elizabeth, N. J., evened the score with Bobby Castro, 156, in their rematch at the Hollywood Stadium. For three rounds Castro made great effort to repeat his kayo over the Easterner, but slowed down to a walk at the half-way point and fought only in brief spurts thereafter. Vines copped the 10-round decision on his infighting, proving too rugged and too cagey for the slender Mexican.

Castro floored Vines for a nine-count in the opening round with a right to the jaw and pasted Vinnie around in a torrid second heat. They slugged each other dizzy in the third. Vines scored a knockdown in the fourth, Castro sinking to the canvas from the effects of a blow to his right eye. Bobby did little fighting after that and Vines copped four of the remaining six rounds, with two being even.

In the semi, Art Aragon, 142, one of our best local prospects previous to entering the Navy, made his return to local rings an impressive one by scoring a kayo over Morris Corona, 144, in three rounds.

In other bouts: Nap Howard, 157, stopped Leroy Anderson, 159, in two; Ardis Mack, 202, decisioned Willie Bean, 206, in four; Richard Lopez, 140, won over Eddie Martin, 135, in four; Bee Jiminez, 128, drew with Dave Mendoza, 125.

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The Panama champion, Simon Vergara, 129, proved superior to Ralph Lara, 130, in their rematch at the Ocean Park Arena. The contest was stopped and awarded to the Panamanian in the third when Lara suffered a badly gashed eye. However, Vergara was winning and had scored a knockdown over the Gardena Mexican in the initial round.

In supporting bouts, all four-rounders, Ramon Alva, 131, whipped Darnell Carter, 132; Clyde Coyhis, 145, drew with Henry Brown, 146; Johnny Reynolds, 149, decisioned Manny Flores, 149; Jess Bojorquez, 142, and Billy Baldwin, 145, fought to a draw; Luis Adame, 120, defeated Len Marquez, 123.

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It is surprising how quickly our most promising boxers can go the way of all flesh. Only a few months ago Los Angeles could boast of a flock of great prospects among the younger set. Foremost among them were Chuck Cureton, Rudy Davila, Jackie McCoy, Willie Bean, Richie Mendoza, Frankie Russell, Connie Smith, Henry Evaro, Babe Edwards, Nick Diaz, Ernie Woods, Bob O'Fallon, Morris Corona, Pee Wee Swingler, Val Valentine and others. All were expected to make the grade, but, few would agree with anyone predicting a successful career for any of them today. What happened? Some were belted out of the picture, others quit because of love, lack of ambition, physical handicaps, etc., while some are still tossing leather, but not as before. This writer offered $1000 for the contract of one of the above, a Negro heavyweight, while he still was an amateur. It was refused. Said contract is worth about ten bucks today. This, gentlemen, is the boxing game.

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In substitution of a worthy attraction, Matchmaker Babe McCoy staged five six-rounders at the Los Angeles Olympic, made up of the "lesser lights" and "also rans." In the feature spot, Ralph (K.O.) Hooker, 190, Portland, decisioned Billy McClure, 196, Minneapolis. McClure got off to a good start, decking Hooker for a two-count and punishing him badly in opening round, but did little fighting in remaining five heats and the Portlander was awarded the win on aggressiveness.

Tommy Campbell, 135, of Chicago, was the hit of the show. He punched out an easy win over Bolton Ford, 134, Pittsburgh, displaying both class and punch.

Johnny Meyer, 151, Los Angeles, copped the win over Melvin Johnson, 148, Chicago, by the margin of a nine-count knockdown in the fourth.

Charley Daniels, 145 Pittsburgh was awarded a questionable decision over Gene Ronstadt, 147, LOS ANGELES.

Julio Franco, 139, and Henry Roberts, 140, boxed to a draw in six; Lou Filippo, 135, whipped Martin O'Malley, 136, in a four.

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Junior Washington, San Diego Negro southpaw, made his first start before home town fans in two years by banging out a T.K.O. win over Frankie Angustain, Los Angeles Mexican, in the seventh round at the Coliseum. The fight was a slugfest, with both battlers being staggered numerous times. Angustain dumped Washington for eight in the second round and was more than holding his own at the time the go was halted in the seventh, due to the seriousness of a gashed eyebrow, first opened in the fourth heat. Each weighed 162.

Other results: Dario Barron defeated Gil Napier in six-round semi; Bob Scott K.O.'ed Douglas Johnson in the first heat; Louis Cohen won over Ishmael Haanefan in a four; Baby Face Mathis decisioned Lee Brown.

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**LEST I FORGET:** The ole dope-bucket sure got kicked around in local rings this past month. There were no less than a dozen upsets, the most surprising being Sanchez winning over Castillo; Figueroa whipping Escobar; Andrews stopping Sheppard, and Gibson's quick kayo of Mendoza. . . . Keith Nuthall, Henry Armstrong's Utah protege, has been training in L.A. . . . Jack Dempsey, who lives in L.A., appeared in public with Jack Kearns. It was the first time in many years that L.A. has seen those two together. . . . Either Pittsburgh has a lot of boxers, or the game is very quiet in the Smoky City at this time, for there are a flock of leather-pushers from back there in California. . . . Charley McDonald recently celebrated his 17th year as matchmaker of the Hollywood Stadium. . . . Replacing Jack O'Dowd as matchmaker of the San Diego Coliseum seems to have been a chump move. The dapper Irishman was staging bang-up fights every week and drawing bigger gates than the club had enjoyed in years. Since he left, most of the shows have been poor and some of the gates are the lowest in the club's history.

Sonny Andrews, Los Angeles Negro youth, who looks like a comer, was the Los Angeles *Times* Golden Gloves heavyweight champion this year. His real name is Andrew Castle. He is trained and managed by George (Bullwhip) Manson. . . . It is too bad that the many so-called managers are not weeded out of the boxing game (just as the fighters are) when they have proven incompetent, or detrimental to the sport. It will be done some day, but it should be done now. . . . Fresno gate receipts have fallen off, so Promoter Al Dermer is staging but two professional shows a month. He is running amateur boxing on the alternate weeks in hopes of developing some local talent. . . . The most promising of the local youngsters appear to be Sonny Andrews, Art Aragon, Richard Jones, Ray Dioses, Dutch Culbertson and Howard Jones.

Fitzie Fitzpatrick certainly got the "works" in his fight with Ezzard Charles. Cincinnati newspaper clippings tell of the ref's favoritism and photos produced by Manager Sparky Rudolph prove it. One picture reminds us of tactics used in street fights when we were young, where one kid pins back the arms of a foe, making him defenseless against the onslaught of another. The Cincinnati referee is photographed doing just that.

Those who have not received answers to their letters are informed that it was because no stamped, self-addressed envelope was enclosed. The writer's address is: Harry E. Winkler, 1231 North June Street, Hollywood 38, Calif.

## NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

TEXAS has a new Boxing Commissioner, as Mr. H. B. Morgan has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Maureen Moore. He has retained Armour Stewart, as his Chief Deputy, which means a continuance of the past fine administration.

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Boxing has been very dead in the state during the hot weather. Recent results follow:

San Antonio — Johnnie Mills, 145, kayoed Johnnie F. Bocanegra, 145, three rounds. Jesus Ortiz, 119, decisioned Sergio Amando Delgado, 119, four. Jesus Rodriguez, 126½, decisioned George Barris, 129, six. Bobby Dykes, 139, kayoed Guillermo Pardo, 141, three. Tony Mar, 136½, decisioned Gordon House, 133, ten.

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Harlingen—Eugenio Longoria, 125, decisioned Marcelino Florez, 126, four rounds. Raul Reyna, 132, decisioned Rafael De Leon, 135, six. James Buck Weaver, 150, kayoed Ernesto Villesenor, 146, six. Juan Castillo, 137, decisioned Benito Aceves, 137, seven.

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Corpus Christi—Armand Goetter, 134, kayoed Melchor Rodriguez, 132, two rounds. Louis Skroborezyk, 141, decisioned Oswaldo Brewster, 143, four. John Curtis, 190, T.K.O.'ed Joe Scott, 198, four. Bill Wilson, 142, decisioned Marcelino de la Rosa, 140, six. Joe Amaya, 125, kayoed Stanley Hartman, 126, eight.

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El Paso—Joe Garza, 128, decisioned Carlos Villava, 123, four rounds. Santos Valdivia, 136, decisioned Melvin Hood, 140, four. Benny Reyes, 137, kayoed Isidore Jenette, 140, two. Jesus Fonseca, 122, kayoed Alva Estrada, 128, four. Eddie Reyes, 141, T.K.O.'ed Claude Sullard, 137, five. Adolfo Quijano, 171, T.K.O.'ed Marvin Liddell, 172, four (Championship).

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San Antonio—Julio Bustos, 120, and Hector Nino, 120, drew four. Joe Macias, 131, and Carlos Garza, 130, drew four. Jesus Ortiz, 119, decisioned Clarence Flint, 121, four. Gordon House, 133½, kayoed Jesus Lopez, 137, two. Rudy Cruz, 138, decisioned Kid Filipino, 138¾, ten.

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Austin—Armand Goetter, 130, decisioned Melchor Rodriguez, 131, four rounds. Jesus Ortiz, 114, T.K.O.'ed Jimmy Nicholson, 118, four. Steve Turner, 160, kayoed George Becka, 153, four. Rocky Venegas, 132, T.K.O.'ed Jackie Blair, 126, four. Bill Louderman, 145, decisioned Johnnie Mills, 145, six. Bert Linam, 146, decisioned Ben Evans, 147, ten.

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Austin—Tiger Rodriguez, 125, T.K.O.'ed Rudy Lopez, 120, one round. Clarence Flin, 119, decisioned Jesus Ortiz, 114, four. Juan Santamaria, 123, kayoed Chick Sanchez, 118, two. Rocky Venegas, 134, decisioned Manuel Dizon, 135½, six. Gene Kelly, 116½, decisioned Trinidad Perez, 120, ten.

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## CONNECTICUT RING NEWS

By DON HAMILL

EXCITEMENT reigned in the state during the month. Getting the big things underway was the nine-round knockout of Georgie Dunn at the hands of the featherweight contender from Cuba, Miguel Acevedo. His aggressive milling style caught on and Acevedo stayed in Hartford to beat Pat Brady and to win an unpopular decision over Jimmy McAllister. Referee Louis (Kid) Kaplan, who rendered the decision in favor of Acevedo, had to have police protection following the fight. This followed by one night the assault of Referee Lou Bogash following his declaring Julie Kogon the winner over his Italian rival, Aldo Minelli, before a partisan crowd. The same night that Acevedo and McAllister fought in Hartford, Joe DiMartino, an 8-to-1 underdog, scored an upset by knocking out Marty Servo in the first round in Bridgeport. The results around the state were as follows:

Stamford—Mitchell Field: Johnny Terriano, 148½, Norwalk, finished Gabby Gonzales, 155, Caracas, Venezuela, in one heat without experiencing any trouble. A right under the heart dropped Gonzales, who arose to be dropped again by a right to the jaw. He was counted out the second trip down. Roy Taylor, 173½, New York, knocked Frankie Thomas, 175¼, Port Chester, down four times and out of the ring five other times to win the decision in the six-round semi-final. Freddy Latso, 133½, St. Louis, outboxed Danny Ryan, 136, New York, in another sixer. Bobby Grippo, 146¾, New York, knocked out Dino Cotaldo, 148½, New York, in the first round of a slated four. Nat Terranova, 127, New York, brother of Phil Terranova, knocked out Joe Progano, 126, New York, in the first of the opener.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena: Willie Pep, 128, Hartford, world's featherweight champion, enjoyed a workout at the expense of Leo Lebrun, 128, Sherbrooke, Can., in the eight-round feature. Lebrun's wild rushing was nullified by Pep's clever blocking, parrying, and rapier-like left jabs and hooks. Pep scored the only knockdown in the sixth when he dropped Lebrun for a two-count with a left hook to the jaw. Reuben Jones, 170, New York, stopped the onslaught of Ricardo Radaelli, 164, New York, by stopping his man in the third round. Bobby Jakes, 192, New York, knocked out Claude McClintock, 185, Bridgeport, in the first round of a four-spot. Saul Cantor, 136, Detroit, whipped Art Garcia, 138, New Haven, in a six-rounder. Chet Horastak, 148, Bridgeport, decisioned Eddie Collins, 149, New York, in four heats.

Hartford Auditorium Outdoor Arena: Julie Kogon, 135, New Haven, claimant of the New England lightweight championship, successfully defended his claim against the challenges of Nick Stato, 131, Springfield, Mass. Kogon belted out the stout-hearted Greek in the twelfth and final round. Stato survived knockdowns in the second and third rounds to take the play away from Kogon and nearly even up the score before being dropped for the count in the final heat. Bobby Polowitzer, 131, East Hartford, was held to a draw by Baby Armstrong, 130, Philadelphia Negro, in a six-rounder. Vic Cardell, 143, Hartford, continued to win by belting out Johnny Corbett, 147, Branford, in the third round of a good six. Jim Parlin, 128, Philadelphia Negro, won a dubious six-round decision over Doc Blanchard, 124, Boston southpaw, in six heats. A semi-pro bout got festivities underway.

Bridgeport—Harding Stadium: Joe DiMartino, 149, Bridgeport, had little trouble taking an eight-round decision over veteran Vic Costa, 154, New York. Referee Dan Buckley gave the victor five rounds, Costa one and called two even. Filberto Osario, 128, Puerto Rico, fought to a draw with Jimmy Callura, 124½, Hamilton, Can., in a six-rounder. Tony Gillo, 178, New Haven, was held to a draw by Lenny Verostak, 188, Shelton, in six rounds. In another six, Frankie Foley, 138, New Haven, scored over Marcel Pacheco, 136, Puerto Rico. Jimmy Rooney, 121, Bridgeport, scored a two-round kayo over Baby Osario, 122, Cuba.

Waterbury Stadium: Frankie Vigeant, 146, Thomaston, scored an upset in winning handily over Tommy Ciarlo, 143, Waterbury, in the ten-round feature. A left hook to the jaw dropped Ciarlo in the second and a right to the same spot did the trick again in the final round. Ralph Burley, 154, Philadelphia Negro, scored a knockout over Kenny James, 149, Waterbury, in the second round of a slated sixer. Don Fisher, 161, Shelton, also sored a knockout by flattening Pat Vendrillo, 161, Manchester, in the second round of their bout.

Hartford Outdoor Arena: Miguel Acevedo, 130½, Havana, Cuba, took Hartford by storm with the manner in which he knocked out Georgie Dunn, 128, Hartford Negro, in nine rounds. Acevedo displayed an aggressive, relentless attack that wore down the frailer Dunn long before the knockout punch. Vic Cardell, 143, Hartford, and Knute (Buster) Baker, 148, Terre Haute, Ind., fought a knock-'em-down and drag-'em-out draw. Jesus Villa, 155, Havana, received a draw with Jimmy Taylor, 160, New York, in another six-rounder. Eddie York, 146, Boston Negro, and Billy Kearns, 143, Wethersfield, ended up all even after six very uninteresting rounds. Jimmy Brunton, 125, Springfield, won a four-round decision over Tony Roma, 127, Hartford, in the opener. Fans to the number of 3038 paid $9552.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena: Art Tatta, 158, New Haven war hero, scored his 13th win since his discharge from the army by taking an eight-round decision over Jerry Fiorello, 160, Brooklyn, N. Y. Tatta and Fiorello put on a Donnybrook all the way with Tatta continually beating Fiorello to the punch. Eddie Franklin, 190, Philadelphia, decisioned Sandy McPherson, 225, Oklahoma City, in the companion eight. It was a hard-fought and interesting bout. Charley Metain, 185, Bridgeport, decisioned Lenny Verostak, 190, Shelton, in six rounds. Harold McKinney, 165, Brooklyn, won by a T.K.O. over Ricardo Radiello, 165, New York, in two rounds. Bobby Dance, 160, New York, outpointed Billy Fuller, 160, Norwalk, in the four-round curtain-raiser.

Stamford—Mitchell Field: Pat Byers, 152¾, Kannapolis, N. C., stopped Jota Jota Fernandez, 160, Venezuela, in the second round. Fernandez was dropped in the second round and then went crashing through the ropes from a Byers right when Referee Joe Currie called a halt. Currie also stopped the semi-final a little prematurely. Roy Taylor, 171½, New York, stopped Billy Barrows, 164½, Stamford, in the fourth round when he hurt Barrows with body blows. Mario Jones, 145, New York, decisioned Georgie Marino, 148½, Bridgeport, in a six-spot. Nat Terranova, 127, New York, kayoed Willie Lee, 133, New York, in one round. Danny Ryan, 138¾, New York, scored over Bobby Griffo, 145¼, New York, in four stanzas. Jim Beau, 148, Norwalk, decisioned Joe O'Grady, 145, New York, also in a four.

Hartford Outdoor Arena: Willie Pep, 129½, world's featherweight king, displayed much of his old form since his plane accident when he won handily over Humberto Sierra, 129½, Havana, Cuba. Pep was in command all the way as he piled up points and made his awkward opponent look silly. A sizzling left hook dropped Sierra in the third round. Carey Mace, 145, Hartford, took a six-round decision over Gene Smith, 146, Miami, Fla. Mace had trouble getting the range but once he got it nearly stopped his gangling foe. Vic Cardell, 142, Hartford, won handily over Vince Scarpari, 140, Newark, in six hard-fought rounds. Bobby Polowitzer, 129, East Hartford, battled to a draw with Orlando Fernandez, 126, Tampa, Fla., in another sixer. Tony Roma, 126½, Hartford, belted out Joey Angelo, 126, Waterbury, in the third of a four-rounder. An overflow crowd saw the fight with $17,522.25 being paid into the coffers.

Norwalk—Crystal Arena: Eddie Compo, 126, New Haven, won a close eight-round decision over Chico Morales, 126, Cuba. It was a boxing match all the way with Compo's sharper punching offsetting the early lead Morales made with a left jab and wild right. Joe Brown, 135, New Orleans, proved too clever for Freddy Latson, 132, St. Louis, in a six-rounder. Pat Flowers, 124, New Orleans, knocked out Raul Roque, 125, New York, in the second of a six-rounder. Jimmy Rooney, 122, Bridgeport, decisioned Pablo Figuerra, 124, Puerto Rico, in four rounds. Angelo (Cook-Up) Vento, 142, Westbrook, decisioned Art Garcia, 140, New Haven, in four rounds.

Hartford Outdoor Arena: Miguel Acevedo, 131, Havana, Cuba, nearly chased Pat Brady, 131, New York, out of the ring in winning a ten-round decision. Bill Gullard, 129, Boston Negro, stopped Bobby Polowitzer, 131, East Hartford, in the fourth round of their six. In addition to being on the receiving end of a pasting Polowitzer also suffered a cut over his eye that prompted the fight to be halted. Kenny James, 150, Waterbury, and Emil Evans, 150, Westover Field, Mass., ended up all even after six laps. Jesus Vila, 156, Havana, scored over Jack Biddle, 158, Philadelphia, in another six-rounder. Leon Hutson, 126, Boston, knocked out Jimmy Brunton, 128, Springfield, in the second round. The gross gate was $13,081.25.

West Haven—Exhibition Stadium: Julie Kogon, 136½, New Haven, was awarded a ten-round decision over Aldo Minelli, 137½, Milan, Italy. Kogon has a bad habit of coasting when he isn't pressed. For the first seven rounds Kogon coasted, except for occasional spurts to keep the fight even, while Minelli threw an ineffectual jab and equally ineffectual looping right hand. Kogon turned on the pressure in the final three rounds. Referee Lou Bogash's decision in favor of Kogon didn't meet with the approval of those who came to see the "champeen from Italy." Bogash was knocked down and kicked in the face and abdomen. Mike Birskovich, 158, Niles, Ohio, won a close eight-round decision over Bunky Wall, 160, New Haven. Birskovich was on the floor twice in the second and Wall once in the third and again in the seventh. Johnny Bell, 140, New Britain, won over Eska Mosely, 142, New York, in a sixer. Herman Badger, 164, New Haven, scored over Russ Baxter, 161, Newcastle, Pa., in another six-rounder that followed the main event. Walter Hagsley, 191, New Haven, outpointed Carl Edwards, 180, New Haven, in the opening four.

Stamford—Mitchell Field: Roy Taylor, 174¾, New York, stopped Frank Thomas, 180½, Port Chester, in the sixth round. Thomas was down twice in the fifth and dropped again in the sixth before the referee intervened. The remainder of the card was made up of semi-pro bouts.

Hartford Outdoor Auditorium—Miguel Acevedo, 130½, Havana, was awarded a very unpopular decision over Jimmy McAllister, 130½, Baltimore Negro, after ten hectic rounds. Acevedo was a 3-to-1 favorite and an even bet to win by a knockout. McAllister took command in the fourth round and from then on slipped Acevedo's hooks and countered with two-fisted assaults. Referee Kid Kaplan had to have police protection against a threatening mob. Billy Kearns, 142½, Wethersfield, surprised by holding Carey Mace, 145½, Hartford, to a draw in the eight-round semi-final. Jesus Vila, 153, Havana, won the six-round decision over Pat Vendrillo, 157, Manchester. Mario Jones, 144½, Pittsburgh, won by a knockout over Steve Ketchel, 147, New Haven, in the fifth round. A semi-pro bout opened the show. A crowd of 3197 paid $8470.

Bridgeport—Candlelite Stadium: Joe DiMartino, 148, Bridgeport, scored an 8-to-1 upset when he stopped Marty Servo, 143, Schenectady, in one round. Servo was dropped twice by short rights before a left hook knocked him cold into the laps of those in the first row. Bobby Jakes, 192, Brooklyn, decisioned Chet Simms, 188, Bridgeport, in the six-round semi-final.

## SOUTH CARIBBEAN NEWS

By COMPTON SANTOS

THE biggest welcome any celebrity ever received in British Guiana, was given Cliff Anderson on his arrival there, after an absence of five years from his home. This Negro "Human Buzz Saw" made the grade in Europe by virtually running through all opposition that continent had to offer in his class. He lost the Empire title in two tries under very unfavorable conditions, but is aiming at the world's title, hoping to get the crack soon.

Crowds lined the streets, and at times mounted police had to clear the way for his car to pass. Appearing in two exhibitions at the G.F.C. grounds, he broke all records for sports crowds, as some 15,000 fans jammed the oval to see him in action. Young Joe Louis romped for two sessions, and Young Jenson for three heats.

Young Abrigo again pasted Trinidad's Dan Gibbons over the ten-round route at the G.F.C. grounds, Georgetown, before a large crowd. The fight was actually an encore to their previous meeting in the Don's homeland of Trinidad, for Abrigo repeated his fancy boxing, with Gibbons trying to land his kayo punch. The decision at the end of the tenth frame was well received, as there was no doubt throughout as to the better man. Abrigo at 114½ conceded four pounds to the Trinidadian.

Young Joe Hyman, 120, made his pro debut a successful one, by taking the four-round decision from Pat Hyman in the opening item of the card.

Another four-rounder saw Alvin Joe bowing to Al McLean in some rough milling with McLean's weight taking its toll on his lighter foe. Joe weighed 143½, to Al's 159¾.

Ralph Parris, 136¾, won a disputed decision in the semi-final go, from Billy Welch, 126½, over the six-round distance.

A pleasing double-header card was seen at the London Stadium, Georgetown, by a sell-out crowd. Ralph Garcia, of Trinidad, battled it out with B.G.'s king of the feathers, Hilton Denny. Garcia entered the ring a three to two favorite, but the B.G. lad outboxed the Spanish-Trinidadian for the first three heats, to keep on the safe side of the score card. Ralph earned himself a draw.

Fred Smith, 126, beat Kid Byron, 130, in four rounds, while veteran Battling Chris lost in four to Young Lleweyn, 135½.

The other half of the ten-round double proved to be the talk of the night, with Young Jenson, 122, making his big time debut, and blasting the daylights out of Don Gibbons, 122, of Trinidad.

Young Gibbs was featured in the accompanying ten-rounder, and won by disqualification from his Dutch opponent, Fighting Stuart, in the fourth session after repeated warnings from the referee for Stuart to fight. Gibbs scaled 145, and the Dutchman, 153.

The eight-round semi-final was alive with action, as Kid Salandy, 120, and Young Jenson, 121½, tossed punches in rapid fire action at each other. Jenson was the stronger and the more effective and gained the nod.

Billy Welch, 128, romped home with an easy win from Herman Adams, 131¾, after four comical rounds.

Baba Adams failed in his long awaited, and eagerly looked forward to, return tilt with Gentle Daniel, and disappointed the capacity crowd which filled the Mucurapo Stadium, Trinidad. Daniel at 172, was the aggressor and winner by miles, despite conceding eleven and three-quarter pounds to his opponent, in this ten-round mix-up.

Another ten-rounder was featured on this thirty-two round boxing card, bringing together Easy Boy Francis, and the French middleweight from Martinique, Vivanze Ariside. The latter seemed intent on rubbing the resin of the canvas with the seat of his pants, but the monotony of this up and down business was more than he could stand after a while, so he squatted down for the full ten in the third stanza. Francis tipped the beam at 159½, and had a four and a half pound pull in the weights.

## IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY, Ia.—The hard-punching Abel Cestac, Argentine heavyweight, scored another quick kayo at the Sports Park when he won by a T.K.O. over Jimmy Howard of Washington, D. C., in 2:20 of the second round. With the use of a fast left jab and a straight right hand, Brown outboxed the South American heavyweight in the first heat, but early in the second round Cestac opened up with his big guns, and it was the end of Mr. Brown. Andy "Kid" Miller, Sioux City heavyweight making a comeback, scored a five-round decision over Wade Miller of Macy, Neb., in a slam-bang affair. Jesse Jackson, Sioux City welterweight, knocked out Manuel Sebogida of Omaha in 1:15 of the fourth round. A slashing right put the Omaha battler out for the count. Sebogida was down for counts twice in the opening round and three times in the third. Eddie Simmons of Sioux City took a T.K.O. over Jim Bovee of Omaha in a four-rounder. The bout was halted in the second round to save Bovee from uncalled-for punishment. In another four-round bout Willie Duncan of Sioux City took a decision over Jimmy Hayden, Kansas City middleweight.

CORRECTION: The writer is not the boxing promoter in Sioux City. Many of my readers think that since I have been connected with the sport around Sioux City for so many years, that I do the promoting. This is not the case, and the present promoter in Sioux City is Bob Morley.

Council Bluffs, Iowa: Vince Gambill, 148½, El Reno, Oklahoma, came back after being signed to meet Don Lee in the main event of the semi-monthly card staged by Promoter Max Clayton at the Council Bluffs ball park. Don Lee failed to make the weight and Joe Danos, 148, Denver, Colo., took the bout on four days' notice. Danos is the hard-hitting blond from Denver who has battled his way from the preliminary to the main event spot on Omaha cards during the past year, and has earned himself a spot in the heart of every Omaha fight fan. Danos slapped Vince Gambill into the land of nod at 2:27 of the third round, with a hard left to the tummy. Gambill had been floored twice in the second round. Only 886 fans paid to see the fisticuffs, making a gate of $1615.75, the poorest gate in years. The sweltering heat kept the fans by their fans.

Gene Buffalo, 147, Philadelphia, decisioned Julio Tristan, 159, Monterey, Mexico, in the six-round semi-windup, Buffalo used his clowning tactics with smart boxing to win the nod and please the fans.

In the six-round special event Glenn Flanagan, 130, St. Paul, suffered a cut cheek early in the fight, but came back to slap out a technical knockout over Eddie Perry, 131, Kansas City, in the sixth round. Perry couldn't get off his stool to continue when the opening bell rang for the sixth round.

The fight stables of the "House of Salerno" have entered the local fight picture again with a dandy lightweight, Howard Walling, who hails from South Omaha. Walling was fighting his second professional bout and scored a technical knockout over Johnny Poe, 128, St. Joseph, Mo., in the third round. Walling floored Poe for a nine-count in the first round and had him on the deck twice in the third round when the referee stepped in and halted the slaughter. Walling weighed 130 pounds.

Vic Creelman, 130, Minneapolis, decisioned Jose Suarez, 133, Monterey, Mexico, in a fast-stepping four-rounder.

Two former Omaha Golden Glovers made their professional debuts on this card. Manuel Segobia, 150, Omaha, decisioned Clarence Adams, 146, Omaha, in four rounds. Adams is the protege of Paul Hartnek and was a former Mid-west A.A.U. Golden Gloves champion.

Waterloo, Ia.—Abel Cestac, Argentina heavyweight, now booking out of Des Moines under the management of Pinkie George, knocked out Bob Nora of Omaha in the third round.

Estherville, Ia.—Special to RING Correspondent: Elmer Davis, 150, former Emmet county Golden Gloves middleweight champion, scored a sensational kayo over Johnny Newbauer of St. Paul, Minn., in the second round of a billed six-rounder at Owatonna, Minn.

Jackie Darthard, 152, Kansas City, gave Don Lee 153, Edison, Neb., a terrific lacing in the ten-round main event on the semi-monthly boxing card. Referee Alex Fidler scored six rounds for Darthard, three for Lee and one round even. Omaha fans were well pleased with the showing made by Darthard in his first appearance in Omaha. A total of 2630 fans paid $4694 to see the bouts.

In the semi-windup the clowning Gene Buffalo, 146½, Philadelphia, decisioned Oree Smith, 149, St. Louis, in six rounds.

In the special event Jack Haley, 130, Kansas City, technically knocked out Freddy Maes, 133, Los Angeles, in the second round. Alex Fidler called a halt to the bout, awarding Jack Haley the technical knockout.

In the preliminaries: Diego Hidalgo, 147, Des Moines, decisioned Bennie Swartz, 144, Fort Leavenworth, in a four-rounder.

Charles Capples, 136, Kansas City, drew with Speedy Moore, 140, Omaha, in four rounds.

Sgt. Joe Cramer, 146, Salina, Kan., knocked out Mike Sanchez, 145, St. Joseph, Mo., in the first round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Council Bluffs, Iowa—Promoter Max Clayton moved his semi-monthly fight card across the river from Omaha and held the fistic show under the stars in the Council Bluffs ball park. In the main event Vince Foster, 146, Omaha, decisioned Howard Bleyhl, 147½, Madison, Minn., in ten rounds. It was Foster's first ten-round main event and he made the Minnesota welter king his 15th victim in 16 professional mills. Foster proved to the 2230 fight fans, who paid $4357 to see the go, that he could take a punch and that he could go ten full rounds to cop the decision. Referee Alex Fidler scored six rounds for Foster, two for Bleyhl and scored two rounds even.

In the semi-windup Melvin Brown, 157, St. Paul, Minn., won a six-round decision over Jimmy Bull, 156, St. Louis.

Vic Creelman, 128½, Minneapolis, won a six-round decision from Jack Haley, 127, Kansas City, Mo., in the special event. Creelman displayed a dandy left jab and had Haley baffled all of the way.

In the preliminaries Claude Sullard, 140, Wichita, won a four-round decision over Diago Hidalgo, 145½, Des Moines, Iowa. Melvin Hood, 159, Wichita, drew in four rounds with Sgt. Joe Cramer, Salina, Kan. (Army Air Base.) Del Flannagan, 136, Minneapolis, scored a technical knockout over Speedy Moore, 131, Omaha, at 2:52 of the second round.

Boxing managers and boxers would be wise to clip the following: Seventeen Nebraska clubs have already received athletic licenses, according to Charles N. Moon, State Boxing Commissioner. All former license holders have been notified they must renew immediately or preference will be given other clubs according to Mr. Moon. New clubs are Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, Omaha, and Omaha Athletic Club of Omaha; American Legion Post, No. 15, of Tekamah; V.F.W., No. 1347, of Grand Island. Renewals include: American Legion Post, No. 7, and B.P.O.E., No. 961, of Alliance; V.F.W., No. 1765, of Falls City; Volunteer Fire Department of Fremont; American Legion Post, No. 53, of Grand Island; American Legion Post, No. 11, of Hastings; American Legion Post, No. 52, of Kearney; American Legion Post, No. 3, and State Board of Agriculture of Lincoln; B.P.O.E., No. 1434, of McCook; American Legion Post, No. 1, and South Omaha Eagles, No. 154, of Omaha, and the V.F.W. at Sidney, Neb. Watch this spot from time to time and you will soon have a complete list of all the promoters in this section.

Sioux City, Iowa: In the second professional mitt card staged here under the direction of Bob Morley, Joe Danos, Denver, Colo., welterweight, stopped Chalky Davis of Hollywood in 2:10 of the eight and final round of their bout. The Denver battler had the edge over Davis, but early in the seventh round Davis draped Danos over the top rope with a hard right to the head that nearly ended matters. Danos came back to put Davis down for a four-count when the bell rang. Gene Buffalo of Philadelphia scored a decision over Bert Ellis of Kansas City in the six-round semi-final. It was the first defeat suffered by Ellis in eight professional starts. Eugene Brown of Omaha scored a decision over Jess Jackson of Sioux City in a four-rounder. Corky Gonzales, Denver, and hailed as bantamweight champion of Colorado, won a decision over Paul Ciscinero of Salt Lake City, Utah, in four rounds. Maxwell Butcher of Omaha scored an unpopular decision over Eddie Simmons of Sioux City in four rounds. In the opening bout Bob Rushing of Kansas City won over Stan Novak of Omaha.

Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette Street, Sioux City, Iowa. News for this spot must be in my hands by the sixth of each month. Any unattached heavyweight boxer seeking action in these parts would do well to get in touch with the writer. Mail photo and record. Managers and fighters writing to promoters in this section, please mention the fact that you read it in THE RING.

Last Minute Sparks: It was a number of years ago, back in the heyday of Benny Leonard and Gene Tunney, that we first met Billy Gibson, who was found dead recently in New York, and it was with a feeling of deep regret that we read of his death. . . . Perhaps we could write a book on the fighting ability of Abel Cestac and all his merits, but no, we would like to say this much: "He has fighting ability and is a good prospect that bears watching. . . . Bunny Pierce, who is promoting at Davenport, Iowa, can be reached at 816 15th Street in Moline, Ill. . . . Goldie O'Hare, former Fort Dodge boxer, is manager-matchmaker for the Junior Chamber Boxing Center at Fort Dodge, Iowa. . . . He would like to hear from amateur boxing teams and can be reached at Box 361. . . . To J. F. C., St. James, Minn.: My records show that Ever Hammer and Maurice Flynn boxed eight rounds to a draw at Aurora, Ill., on July 1, 1921, not 1920. . . . This from my files for that year. . . . J. G., Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Thanks for your letter. . . . Get THE RING Record Book. . . . To O. L., at Omaha, Neb.: At that time, Leo P. Flynn was manager of Bill Brennan, Whitney Allen, Kid Norfolk, Eddie O'Hare, Panama Joe Gans and a host of others. . . . To T. C., Kansas City, Mo.: Get in touch with Billy Colbert of St. Paul. . . . Our mail bag hits close to 150 letters per month, so if readers will send a stamp along for an answer it will help out a lot.

Omaha, Neb.: Ben Montabana of New Orleans came to Omaha and weighed in at 149½ pounds and nipped the winning streak of Vince Foster, Omaha's hard-hitting welterweight. It was the main event on the semi-monthly boxing card at the City Auditorium. A total of 3040 fans chipped in $6468. Foster weighed in at 147 pounds. Vince was riding the victory crest of 13 consecutive wins.

In the semi-windup, Joe Danos, 150½, Denver, slugged out a six-round decision over the fancy dan, Veteran Gene Buffalo, 150, Philadelphia. Morton Graves, 132, Des Moines, won a six-round decision over Mustang Garcia, 138½, Santa Fe, N. M., in the special event. In the preliminaries: Eugene Brown, 143½, Omaha, came back to the ring after eight months absence. (He has been away to college in Arkansas.) He chilled Diego Hidalgo, 145, Des Moines, with one hard right hand in the second round. Paul Martinez, 123, Omaha, outpunched Harold Wilson, 128, Denver, to take a four-round decision. Benny Swartz, 144, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., dethroned the Omaha Clown Prince, Speedy Moore, 142. The referee called it a halt at 1:36 of the fourth round.

## NEWS FROM CUBA

By DR. J. A. VIEITES

HERE are the results of every pro fight held in Cuba, other than in Havana, during the month of July, as well as the first week of August:

Pinar del Rio—Occidental Kid, 118¼, stopped Eduardo Menéndez, same weight, in the third of a scheduled eighter, and in the other star bout—Gilberto Moulens, 121½, won a well deserved verdict from Joe Elejalde, 123¾ pounds.

Pinar del Rio—Occidental Kid, 118, proved once again to be a real crowd-pleaser, holding Lefty Garay, 123¼, to a ten-round draw. In the supporting ten rounder, Gilberto Moulens defeated Baldomero Aldama, but the fans booed, as they thought Aldama deserved a draw (Bantams).

Santiago—Wilfredo Mayet thrilled Oriente's fans, giving a beautiful boxing lesson to Julian Varona. Varona never had a chance. Mayet tipped at 132, Varona, 133¾. In the supporting ten-rounder, Ciro Moracén, 122, had too much on the ball for Veteran Kid Guarina, 121, and finally stopped the game Kid in the fourth.

Cienfuegos—The Cuban debut of Mexicans Luis Arguellaes, lightweight, and Luis Altamira, bantamweight, was not a very good one, as Arguelles was thrown out of the square ropes along with Germán Viciedo, 134, as both men even bit themselves during four rounds and fraction, and Altamira was given the decision over Manuel Armenteros, Lino's younger brother, who weighed 114½, before lots of boos and bahs.

Morón—Cecil Fernández, one of Cuba's more promising young fighters, gave another sterling exhibition to prove a serious threat to featherweight stars, such as Lino Garcia, Diego Sosa, Orlando Zulueta, etc., to win one and each of the eight rounds over Battleship Martinez. The new star of the feathers came in at 124½, Martinez 128¾. Kid Tariche, 145½, found a tartar in Jorge Chapman, 147, and was knocked out in the eighth round.

Orlando Zulueta, 126½, scored an easy ten-round win over Pelón Pérez, 128, Mexico. Zulueta jabbed, hooked, and moved around Pérez, as he pleased, and hit him at will.

Tomás Vega, 114, wrote the same story about José Altamira, 117½, also from Mexico, in eight rounds. It was a sad night again for the Mexicans. Raoul Pérez, 146¾, defeated Pancho Llanero Alfonso, same weight, over six rounds. Luis L. González, 159½, won over the same distance from Leo Martinez, 161, and Oswaldo Ventura and Orlando La Madrid drew in the opener.

Facts and Rumors—The Cuban Featherweight Champion, Miguel Acevedo, rated by THE RING and the N.B.A., as No. 1 contender for world honors, continued to fight with great success in the good old U.S.A. His latest victims last month were Georgie Dunn, whom he stopped in nine rounds, Pat Brady and Jimmy MacAllister. . . . These fights were held in Willie Pep's home town, Hartford. . . . Black Pico is fighting with great success in and around New York. He is fighting under his real name, Ramón González. . . . His latest victims were Frankie Pucci, and Joe Colon Garcia. . . . Luis Galvani, undefeated Cuban bantamweight king, stopped Cecile Schoomaker in Puerto Rico in nine rounds. . . . Lino Garcia won from Diego Sosa in another star bout that night in San Juan. . . . Cuba has two men rated among the world's best bantams now, as Jorge Sánchez defeated Luis Castillo in California.

## IN CHICAGO
### With GENE ENGEL

THE second edition of the world's middleweight titular episode involving Tony Zale, dethroned champion, and Rocky Graziano, New York, took place in Chicago's hot box Stadium. And The Rock gained a six-round technical knockout, as reported by THE RING editor in the last issue.

Rainbow Arena—The Rainbow Arena closed its doors for the summer with the presentation of the Jimmy Sherrer and Jerome Frazier 10-rounder featuring. In the first frame, Sherrer, middleweight from Milwaukee, went all out to stow away Frazier. Jimmy dropped Frazier three times in the opening round, but as the rounds went on, Frazier became stronger and in the seventh heat, Jerome had Sherrer in a bad way. He was dealing the Milwaukeean a beating when the physician halted the contest in favor of Frazier.

The semi-windup found Rudy Zadell, Barberton, Ohio, welterweight, pounding out a six-round decision over Young Cornell of Sonora, Mexico.

Richard Hagen, 1947 International Golden Gloves heavyweight champion, knocked out Young Walcott in the first round. Ralph Jones stopped Billy Davis of Indianapolis, Ind., one round (middleweights); Lem Thomas, 131, Chicago, stopped Ossie Williams, 133, also of Chicago, and Jesse Gullie, 158, from Chicago, kayoed Salty Wade of Indianapolis, in the second round of their four-round bout.

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Lou King, college student, is the sensation among the middleweight prospects here. In his sixth professional contest, King won a good fight from Eddie Miller of Dayton, Ohio, in the six-round semi-windup to the Tommy Bell versus Cecil Hudson go, held at Borchert Field, in Milwaukee, Wis., and presented to Joey Sangor.

In the other matches on this Ballpark card, Eddie Carr, Kansas City, Mo., scored a two-round T.K.O. over John Vorcy, Detroit, lightweight (cut eye); Johnny Edington, 136, New York, won a scorcher from Harry Marshall, 138.

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Windsor, Ont.—Lee Bohles, Cleveland 123-pounder, whipped Bunny Berrigan, Milwaukee favorite.

Cliff Fossman, Chicago, won over a professional beginner, George Wolfe, Waukesha, middleweight, and Bob Lindholm of Milwaukee, gained a T.K.O. over Roy Melvale of Chicago in the fourth round.

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Dick Axman, Marigold publicist, as well as yours truly, handled publicity for that Zale vs. Graziano shindig.

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Marigold Gardens—Abel Cestac, ponderous Argentinian, at 220 pounds, was too rugged for John Hubbard of Milwaukee, who was belted out in the fourth of their slated eight-round boxing duel. Hubbard, weighing 185 pounds, was outboxing Cestac until a body blow doubled him up. It was followed by a left and right hand swing that finished the "Brewery City" boy.

In the preliminary matches, Dan Hickey, Chicago middleweight, beat Tommy Varsos; Virgil Strauss, Hammond, Ind., light-heavyweight, conquered Bob Nelson of Lincoln, Ill.; Cliff Fossman edged out veteran Ben Irving and Pat Murphy, Racine, Wis., scored over Hank O'Kura in a five-round semi-windup.

An improved gymnasium is the Pensington Police Station Gym, offered by Captain Michael Ryan, and managed by Ed Horn. It is open to both pro fighters and amateurs alike.

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The Coliseum Gym, managed by Sam Buxbaum, is the most reasonably priced gym for pro fighters. It is just outside the Loop on Michigan Boulevard at 16th Street, in the Armory.

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Marigold Gardens Arena—Art Brown survived a first round knockdown, to catch Tony Motisi with a "solar plexus" blow and stop Tony in the second round of their billed eighter.

In the prelims, Don Eagle, Indian heavyweight, knocked out Len Billingsley of Buckley, Ill., in the first round. Eagle, after his victory, went into his war dance and whooped it up to the delight of the fans.

In other contests, Lou King, middleweight prospect, who is an engineering student at the Illinois Institute of Technology, was a last minute semi-windup substitute against Caesar Cooper, Southside knockout artist. Cooper was lucky to receive a six-round draw against persistent Lou, whose tummy belts play havoc with the opposition.

Alvin Gomez, Chicago, outpointed Eddie Carr of Kansas City, Mo., in five rounds; Doug Van Hoff, Oshkosh, Wis., junior welterweight protege of Harry Green, won with plenty to spare over Johnny Wilde, Kankakee, Ill.; Nick Kachardus, Westside featherweight, won over Dick Dalton in a pleasing bout—all four-rounders.

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At Washington, D. C., Johnny (Honeyboy) Bratton, after losing two straight, came back with a bang and stretched out for the count Herbie Jones in eight rounds of a slated tenner, in the Capital City.

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At Indianapolis, Ind., Hubert Hood, Chicago, heavyweight, defeated Bob Garner in ten rounds.

Booker Beckwith, following his knockout defeat at the hands of Bob Garner, has announced his ring retirement.

Abel Cestac scored another win here in the Windy City, when he finished off Hezzie Williams inside of three rounds. Williams did little.

In the supporting matches Lee Campione, Detroit, light-heavy, stopped Bob Nelson in one round; Don (Indian) Eagle, reformed Cleveland heavyweight wrestler, stopped Larry Chatham, Indianapolis, in one heat; Bobby Bratton made his middleweight pro debut a successful one by defeating decisively Terry Wagner; Luther Rawlings, Chicago, lightweight, won over Willie Scott of Gary, and in the six-round semi-windup Sylvester, Chicago, 163-pounder, walloped game Bobby James, scoring four knockdowns. The other bouts were four-round encounters.

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Bob Foxworth made his first appearance since his two sensational knockouts over Johnny Colan, and looked anything but the devastating puncher he is rated, against Leroy Scales, a mediocre opponent compared to Foxworth's prestige. Yet Leroy went the full eight-round distance, even though Foxworth won seven out of eight rounds. The knockout pellet was missing and everyone was waiting to see Scales get belted out, but he wasn't.

In a savage six-round semi-windup, Horace Wilkens, Southside middleweight, gained the decision over Lafayette Drummond.

And Willie Edmonds, Grand Rapids, Mich., and protege of Wesley Ramey, was awarded a five-round T.K.O. over Leon Thompson, who was accidentally butted in the fifth round. Up to that time Thompson had things his own way.

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Attention: Boxers interested in fighting in the Middle West should contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois. In your letter enclose photo, your won and lost records, fight clippings and any other data that adds to your potentialities.

## ADDITIONAL NEWS "FROM DOWN UNDER"
### By VINCENT C. DAVIS

SOUTHPAW lightweight, Roy Treasure, 133, made the most of a featured bout at Sydney Stadium against the Cuban lightweight, Orestes Diago, 136. Treasure's points win was a meritorious effort, as the Cuban, with round-arm swings, gave Treasure a pasting early in the fight. The fans went away content that they had got their money's worth of real he-man punching in this bout.

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Australian heavyweight champion, Jock Johnson, 175, fought the last four rounds of his 15-round title fight against New Zealander George Allen, 173½, with his jaw fractured, and yet won on points. Allen broke the jaw with a heavy right in the 11th round.

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At Leichhardt (Sydney) Victorian Bernie Grant, 126, was unlucky not to get the verdict on points from Ray Coleman, 125. The crowd hooted the draw decision roundly. Later in the week the Leichhardt management announced that shortly a system of having judges as well as a referee will be introduced.

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In Melbourne the sporting writers handed out praise to a man who was knocked out. That is something not often done. Although Dave Landers, 127½, was knocked out in ten rounds by Frank Flannery, 125½, everyone gave Landers a great boost for his courage, although he was loosened at the hinges and glassy-eyed many times by the short, nuggety Victorian, Flannery.

## CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
### By C. W. STEELE

DANNY WEBB, Montreal, Canadian lightweight champion, stopped Leon LeBlond of Maine in the third round at St. John, New Brunswick. Webb had a workout at the expense of LeBlond. The semi-final six was a torrid affair which saw Al Smith of Philadelphia emerge the winner by a split decision over Montreal Sailor Don MacKinnon.

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Montreal's Gene Richard, 124, decisioned Dick Howard, 128, in ten action-packed rounds at the Halifax, N. S., Forum. Alvin Upshaw, 158, Halifax, punched out an easy win over Ronnie McNeil, 151, Glace Bay, in the six-round semi-final. Middleweight Ossie Farrel, Halifax, chilled his local opponent, Tom Jeffries, in the fourth and Joe Tynes shaded Hobby Hilliard in four.

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Lightweights Benny Woods, St. John, and Leon LeBlond of Maine fought to a draw at St. John, N. B. It was a wild and free-swinging affair. Woods and LeBlond hit each other with everything except the water bucket for ten rousing rounds.

Duke Hodd, St. John, decisioned Al Smith, Philadelphia in the semi-final six.

In the prelims Bill Connolly, St. John, stopped Alex McAskill, New Waterford, in round one and Ron Mullins, Fredericton, got the nod over Crossley Irvine, St. John.

Wallace McLeod, 189, Sydney, stopped Billy Shaw, 187, Montreal, in the third of the scheduled ten-round attraction at Charlottetown, P.E.I. A real slugging spree that saw both fighters dumped on the canvas, and on one occasion Shaw was punched clear through the ropes but came back fighting mad, and in the third caught a terrific right hand flush on the button to go out for keeps.

Tiger Steele of Charlottetown decisioned Kid Lund in six rounds, and in a heavyweight scrap Big Boy Peterson won over Blair Duggan of Moncton.

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Gunner Phillips, 158, St. John, N. B., iced Tex Medley in the eighth of the main go at Antigonish, N. S. Phillips, trailing most of the way, decked Medley in the seventh, continued to pour on the leather and in the eighth sizzled over a one-two punch to put the lights out for Medley.

Middleweights Gordon Slaney, Antogonish, and Mike Burns, Kingston, Ont., battled to a draw in the semi-final event.

Eric McPhee, Trenton, decisioned Hawley Borden, New Glasgow, in four rounds, bantamweights, and Sheldon Campbell of Pictou Landing won by a T.K.O. over Gerald Turner, welters.

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Tommy "Gun" Spencer, New Waterford, avenged a previous defeat when he won a clean-cut ten-round decision over his home-town rival, Joe Pyle, at the Miners' Forum, Glace Bay, N. S. They are welterweights.

Montreal's Andy Best drew in the semi-final six-round bout with Tony Odo, New Waterford.

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The writer of this column represents: Ray Powell, 126 pounds of fighting fury, who is after the leading featherweights. Nick Spollis, a terrific punching middleweight, scored 47 knockouts out of 63 amateur and pro contests. Willie Muldoon, an aggressive hard-hitting heavyweight, is ready for all comers. For these fighters contact the writer at 197 Charlotte Street, Sydney, N. S., Canada.

## FISTIC NEWS IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.
### By WALT MARLOW

WESTERN CANADA'S biggest lull in boxing since the war's ending occurred during the months of July and August, and it's doubtful that there'll be any activity until late in the fall.

Ernie Farr, Calgary's always busy promoter, has a winter schedule lined up that will undoubtedly make southern city fans more than just a little pleased. Combining business with pleasure on a vacation trip to Vancouver, Farr has made arrangements whereby such notables as Jackie Turner, Kenny Lindsay, and Hal Robbins will be seen in Victoria Pavilion. To match with those boys Farr has Al Slater, Canada's featherweight champ, Tony Boguski, and one or two of Edmonton's better performers. Edmonton has the best middleweight in Canada in Roddy MacDonald, the Western Canada welterweight champ, Benny Geary, but what they don't have, is a suitable building to house regular cards.

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Of the six shows staged in the Capital City during the past year, only two have been presented in the same building. Holder of that distinction was the Alberta Avenue Curling rink, which, with its dirt floor and low rafters, giving it the appearance of a barn, failed to appeal to Mr. and Mrs. Fan. You can well see why.

The best place Edmonton ever had to present the ring sport was the Empire theatre. More than a year ago that place saw its interior torn apart and rebuilt into a ball room. The Silver Glade Pavilion was far too small, as was the American Red Cross building.

Left is the Edmonton Arena, three miles from the city center, and unavailable during the winter months because of hockey.

It all adds up to the fact that boxing, along with other indoor sports, is going to suffer and plenty, simply because a city of a 115,000 population, doesn't have a downtown auditorium. As to what the future holds here for boxing and other indoor sports—your guess is as good as mine.

Roddy MacDonald, Edmonton's clever middleweight, is eager to box Roger Wynott, Canadian middleweight champion. Phil Palmer, is hot on the trail of Benny Geary's Western Canada welter title.

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The death of Louie Lavoie on August 1 at Winnipeg came as a complete surprise to many ring followers. Working for the Canadian National Railways, Lavoie was stricken with a heart attack while at his job in the yards. A former Western Canada middleweight champion, Louie represented Canada during the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles. He died at the age of 42.

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Short Jabs—Best Western Canada prospect is Edmonton's Georgie Mazurenko, Alberta lightweight champion. . . . C. W. Steele, THE RING'S Maritimes correspondent, has a few fighters he'd like to show in the west. . . . Benny Geary, Western Canada's welter king, would like to meet Dave Castilloux and Gus Pell Mell, two of the East's better boys. . . . Any Canadian promoters wishing to contact fighters in this area, can do so by dropping the writer a line. . . . All for this month.

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## IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS
By ROBERT VALLI

HERE are the boxing results from the San Francisco Bay area for the month of July.

Coming off the canvas twice, Fred Apostoli, the Pride of Frisco, slugged his way to a technical knockout win over Cowboy Reuben Shank, rough-tough Denver wildcat, in eight action-packed rounds of the best fight witnessed here in a decade.

Shank, who gave the ex-champ his toughest fight on the comeback road, bowed out in the eighth after having Fred very near a kayo in the sixth. Reuben reeled back to his corner after the wild eighth round slugbee and the commission medico, Dr. Sam Goldman, ruled the Cowboy out because of a bad cut sustained over his right eye. However, it wasn't a fluke as it may sound, for Apostoli had fought viciously in the seventh and eighth to gain an upper hand in the melee. A near sellout crowd paid $22,038.

In the semi-final, Johnny Miller, up-and-coming Stockton lightweight, won a slashing six-rounder from Dixie Fleming, Los Angeles veteran. Miller had his foe in trouble in the second and shook him up time and again, but Fleming managed to survive. In the sixth, Fleming dealt out the punishment, landing a right to the chin that had the youngster wobbling.

Billy Mayfield, local Negro, turned out to be too fast and experienced for Bobby Arata and copped the six-round nod. Arata disappointed as he fought only in spots.

Dee Edwards scored four knockdowns while copping Cecil Oliver in the second. They are heavyweights. Lucius Lockhardt, 152, dropped Eddie Russey, 146, with the final punch of the scrap to earn a draw.

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Johnny Miller, a coming prospect, proved too fast and smart for veteran Dixie Fleming, Los Angeles Negro, by winning every round and a T.K.O. in seven rounds at National Hall.

Miller had copped a rough sixer from Fleming on the Apostoli-Shank card and they were rematched. In the return go Fleming was no more than a punching bag for the youthful Stockton lad. Miller, who decked Dixie three times, handed a terrific right under the heart in the seventh that dropped Fleming, and Referee Jack Downey called a halt without starting a count.

Other results: Leo Martinez, 138, decisioned Johnny Maestas, 138½, in four. Ray Voris, 173, whipped Frankie Rao, 163, in four. Hank Thurman, 182, kayoed Curtis Cannon, 178, in two. Mike Lucero, 138, surprised by winning over Oscar Smith, 138, in four.

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Eddie Prince, clever Detroit Negro, boxed his way to a split decision win over rugged Benny Dalla, Oakland thrill-provider, in ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl.

Both gladiators received a cut eye and the claret ran freely in the late rounds. As always, when Dalla fights, it was a rough scrap, with the Oakland boy doing the slugging and Prince the boxing. There were no knockdowns. Prince weighed 136½, Dalla 137.

Prelims: Eddie Russey, 147, decisioned Slugger Maddox, 153, in four. Johnny Maestas, 139, won over Parker Stewart, 135, in four. Dave Linder, 144, upset Benny Walker, 137, in four. Zeke Lucero, 137½, stopped Johnny Williams, 138, in one.

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Scoring five knockdowns and having his opponent in a helpless state, George (Sugar) Costner, Cincinnati Negro slugger, was awarded a technical knockout over Chet Slider, Fresno Negro, who has been on the downgrade in recent months, in the seventh of a ten-rounder at the Oakland Auditorium. The Cincinnati clouter had full control of the bout, winning as he wished.

In the semi-windup, John L. Davis, fast-rising Oakland Negro, punched veteran Jimmy Florita, Stockton Filipino, lustily to cop the six-round decision. Davis put forth his best efforts in this go and had his cagey vet wobbly at times.

In another sixer, Hal Spaulding, Denver heavy, stopped Bob Scott, Los Angeles, for "ten" in the first. Spaulding tore out at the bell and had finished his work before many fans realized it had started.

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Earl Turner, East Bay gate magnet, was the recipient of a gift split ten-round decision over Jimmy Egan, local Irish youngster, in the feature at the Oakland Auditorium.

Egan, making his first start in months, was in good shape and made the 3-1 odds on Turner look good. The bout was close all the way and a draw verdict would have been just to both battlers.

It turned out to be a hectic scrap with Egan demonstrating his attack on the Richmond Negro's body and he had him holding on in the latter rounds.

In the tenth they stood toe-to-toe slugging it out, with Turner getting the better of it.

Weights were: Turner 149, Egan 150½. The house grossed $5097.

In the semi, John L. Davis, 138, scored an impressive kayo over Joe Kelly, Hawaiian lightweight champ, in the first of a sixer. Eddie Duarte, 151, scored over Richie Duane, 155, in four. Andy Walker, 187, held Johnny O'Neill, 184, even in four. Lucius Lockhart, 155½, defeated Lee Sponsell, 155½, in four.

If Jess Flores continues to win bouts with such ease as he has done since losing to Bob Montgomery he will soon rate par with Fred Apostoli for the most popular gladiator in this city. The curly-haired Mexican used his machine-like left jab, mixed with a few right crosses, to subdue Memo Llanes, Los Angeles veteran, in the fourth round at the Coliseum Bowl.

The bout was stopped due to a badly cut optic received by one of Jess' right crosses.

At the finish Llanes' eye was smeared with blood. Weights were Flores 138½, Llanes 139.

Other results: Richie Duane, 152, won over Billy Christian, 147½, in four. Ray Voris, 171, drew with Benny Lee, 175, in four. Zeke Lucero, 137½, scored over Parker Stewart, 135, in four. Johnny Maestas, 138, repeated over Jerry Como, 135, in the opener.

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In one of the poorest fights here in many seasons, Archie Moore, San Diego Negro, picked up a unanimous twelve-round decision over Bobby Zander, youthful Negro from Los Angeles, and with the nod, the state light-heavyweight championship.

Zander, who holds many impressive wins, was to blame for the poor bout for he did little fighting in the 36 minutes of supposed action.

After the bout Zander claimed he had been thumbed in the first round and was unable to see out of his right optic for the remainder of the rounds. The commission immediately made an examination and reported "a minor eye injury."

After an investigation the following day the Los Angeles Negro was paid a part of his purse with the remainder being kept until the full board of commissioners could meet and discuss the fiasco.

In the semi, Dutch Culbertson, 189, decisioned Dee Edwards, 192, in four. Johnny O'Neill, 182, kayoed Andy Walker, 185, in two. Ernie Duarte, 150, won on a foul over George Maddox, 150½, in three. Vern LaCross, 156, whipped Lee Sponsell, 154, in the curtain raiser.

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Emery Jackson, Los Angeles Negro, boxed his way to a ten-round decision over Charley Cato, popular Oaklander, at National Hall.

An underdog in the betting, Jackson left-handed his way to victory, copping seven rounds, with Cato taking one and two finishing even. Cato, an aggressive scrapper, made a game fight, but couldn't land on his speedy foe. Jackson tipped the scales at 160, Cato 157.

In the semi-final, Charley Salas, 145½, upset Leroy Willis, 140½, South City Negro, in a corking six-rounder. Bobby Patterson, 157, kayoed Tag Mayfield, 158, in four. Hank Thurman, 185, scored over Cecil Oliver, 190, in four. Art Soda, 141, decisioned Oscar Smith, 135, in four.

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Short Jabs: Jess Flores is now a bonafide San Francisco resident, having moved here from Stockton with his wife. . . . Youngsters on the up-beat —Johnny Miller, John L. Davis, Eddie Russey, Hal Spaulding and Zeke Lucero. . . . Mongo (Rocky) Luciano, sensational amateur kayo artist, soon to turn pro. Unbeaten in the simon-pures with a long record of knockout wins, Mongo should give the undercards a boost. . . . Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro, who has been doing his business in the south, left for Australia during the month and should get plenty of work in the Land Down Under.

Tommy Egan, who gave Earl Turner such a good scrap, should get more action off this scrap. . . . Possibly a Turner rematch. . . . Local boxing picked up in the latter part of the month after going two weeks without a single show. . . . Vic Grupico, local Italian lightweight, is now in the east and made an instant hit by easily trimming Doug Carter in Newark. . . . Vic, a crowd-pleaser, will give the fans plenty of action and should land a big spot. . . . Pat Valentino, local heavyweight, who hasn't seen action in his home town for quite a while, is after a Joey Maxim fight. . . . Matchmaker Jimmy Murray of Oakland claims he's got it all signed. . . . Tony Rodriquez, local lightweight, scored an impressive win at San Jose. . . . He kayoed Nunzio Ferrera of Milwaukee in nine. be beat. . . . That's "30" for another month. This writer's address is 1910 Mason Street, San Francisco 11, California. . . . Phone Garfield 1-2777.

## FROM MICHIGAN'S RINGS
By BUD JOHNS

SUMMER inactivity hit its peak during July, with only one show being offered. Nick Londos promoted that one at the Olympia in Detroit on July 18. Fifty-seven hundred fans paid $12,097 to see an all-Michigan card headlined by a pair of ten-rounders.

In the feature bout, Talmadge Bussey, 137-pound Detroiter, pulled the upset of the evening by stopping Bill Eddy, 139, Flint, in the tenth. Bussey ended the best fight of his career by knocking the State welterweight king from the ring. It was a non-title bout.

In the other ten-rounder, Bobby McQuillar, 135, Port Huron, and Leroy Willis, 136, Detroit, battled fiercely until Bobby finished his foe in the last heat. In a five-rounder, Lester Felton, 135-pound Detroit sensation, outpointed capable Eddie Garland, 139, Flint. Angie Soave, 126, Detroit, finished Leroy Walker, 130, Lansing, in the second. Jay Watkins, 138, Flint, stopped Joe Henderson, 139, Detroit, in the fourth. Ernie Rowell, 138, Detroit, outpointed Allie Gronik, 138, Detroit.

## IN INDIANA RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

BOXING promoters in Indiana and surrounding states will soon have an abundance of talent to draw from judging by the way Indianapolis' two major swatoriums are swelling with prospective punchers. Tom Leeper's Ringside Gym has a roster of thirty-five boys while Gene Jackson's stable will number nearly twenty.

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Hubert Hood, 205, Chicago heavyweight, with a stiff left jab, gained a ten-round decision over Bob Garner, 186, Louisville, in a feature event at the Sports Arena in Indianapolis. Neither of the two heavies, both having slugger reputations, were in much trouble throughout the 10 heats. With the victory, Hood evened the score with Garner, who had won two of three engagements.

In the semi-windup Chuck McGow, Indianapolis featherweight, iced Joe Gonzales of Louisville in the first round. A left uppercut, McGow's best weapon, was the clincher 16 seconds after the opening gong. McGow is 18 years old and is undefeated in eight starts as a pro. He is a southpaw.

Joe Williams, 186, Indianapolis, knocked out Gibbs Pike, 206, Louisville, with a right cross in the first round of a four-rounder.

Bill Davis, 167, Indianapolis, decisioned Kid Bartley, 157, Indianapolis, in five good rounds and Frank Malone, 131, Louisville, won by a T.K.O. from Holly Upchurch, 140, Muncie in two heats.

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Gene Jackson, Indianapolis fight mentor, has a stable of fighters which is growing by leaps and bounds producing some promising mitt-tossers. Following is a list of Jackson's boys who will bear watching: heavyweights Dan Raisor, Bob Lawson and Joe Janiro. Light-heavies Bob McClary and Milt Chandler. Middleweights Chuck Hancock and Kid Bartley. Welterweights Joe Sgro, Frankie Ray, Lou Faucett, Freddie Mount and Bob Tansy. Lightweight Doyle Upchurch and bantamweight Freddie Shipley.

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Al Johnson, state light-heavyweight champion, knocked out Sylvester Perkins of Chicago in the eighth round at the Sports Arena in Indianapolis. A few weeks prior to this bout, Johnson had lost in eight rounds to Perkins in Chicago. This was Johnson's thirteenth bout in an Indianapolis ring without defeat. He scaled 161 to Perkins' 164.

In a heavyweight semi-windup, Lee Campione of Chicago won over Allen Small, Elwood, Ind., in a close six-round match.

Jimmy Robinson, 134, Louisville, won by a T.K.O. over Bob Beamon, 131, Indianapolis, at the end of the fifth round. Beamon suffered a badly cut eye and was unable to continue after the fifth.

Sol Lewis, 148, Louisville, won over Frankie Ray, 143, E. Chicago, in five rounds of a good bout. Ray took a nine count in the second round.

Gibbs Pike, 204, Louisville, knocked out Joe Williams, 181, Indianapolis, in 1:28 of the first round of a bout billed for four. Their first meeting recently had the outcome reversed.

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Buck Mathias, Ft. Wayne fight manager, is handling a string of fighters who are making the grade in Indiana rings. Chet Harter, heavyweight, and middleweights Bud Hershey and George Stelioes are three of his charges. Harter was a six-time Golden Glove champion and in 1946 he won the Indiana Diamond Glove heavy title. Hershey is another Golden Glove graduate from Ft. Wayne and while in the service he won the New Jersey state Golden Glove middleweight championship.

Stelioes is an American Greek who began his boxing career in the Hawaiian Islands while stationed there and won the divisional championship of New Guinea and then the welterweight crown of the Golden Glove in Manila. He is 22 years old.

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Two fight shows were held in Ft. Wayne during the month both featuring Bob Burns of Ft. Wayne and Sparky Reynolds of Indianapolis. Their first meeting was an eight-rounder with Burns getting the unpopular decision after being down for a nine count. The second match ended in a draw. On one of these cards Chet Harter, Ft. Wayne heavyweight, met Len Billingsley of Bloomington, Ill. Harter dropped his opponent twice in the second round and when Billingsley was getting up with the help of the ropes, Harter came across the ring and landed another blow. Referee Hope Mullin declared Harter the loser on a foul.

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At New Albany, Ind., before a capacity crowd in the armory, Sid Peak, Charlestown heavyweight, knocked out Roberto Solomito (Bull Bectin) in the first round. Solomito, who landed very few punches, was down for a nine count before the knockout.

Gene Carlisle, Ft. Knox, Ky., welterweight, won over Dan Loafman, of Louisville, in five rounds.

Bobby Sill, Louisville lightweight, decisioned Hoover Doyle in another five-rounder. Robert E. Lee Jones, 130, Charlestown, won by a T.K.O. from Luther Edwards, 130, Louisville, in the first round. Joe Gonzales, 126, knocked out John Doyle, 130, in the third round.

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## KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

CAGEY Deacon Logan, veteran of more than 300 professional fights with few losses, stopped Handsome Pat McCafferty's winning streak before a capacity crowd of over 5000 fans at Topeka's million and a half dollar Municipal Auditorium, in one of the most exciting, thrill-packed fights ever witnessed in the Kansas capital, when the dusky St. Louis scrapper scored a T.K.O. over the Irish youth in the fourth round.

Five thousand fans were on their feet at the opening gong as Logan and McCafferty met each other in the center of the ring, head-to-head and toe-to-toe to battle it out. Neither took a backward step, with McCafferty having the edge in the first round in which both fighters were badly marked about the face.

Both were on the floor momentarily early in the second after they flew together in a flurry of leather, but each was right back on his feet without a count. In the third, McCafferty took a terrific pounding, and toward the end, with his eyes becoming glassy, the local pride and joy was spilled into a neutral corner by a thudding right cross. Pat stayed down for nine as the tense crowd first realized Pat was being hurt badly by St. Louis' iron man of boxing.

Pat tried hard at the beginning of the fourth to change the tide of the battle, and mustered enough strength from his tired body to dispatch a pair of vicious uppercuts, but Logan's deadly body punches had sapped too much of his strength. Going down from a barrage of punches, Pat staggered to his feet and again was battered to the canvas. Regaining his feet, McCafferty stumbled toward Logan, his hands hanging limp. Just as the Deacon moved in to add the finishing touches, Referee Dutch Geiser wisely stepped in between them, awarding Logan the fight.

In the other half of the twin main event, Ray Augustus, tenth ranking light-heavyweight in the September issue of THE RING, scored a one-sided decision over Charlie Dotson of St. Louis. After being stung by Augustus in the fifth and on the verge of going out, Dotson clinched throughout the rest of the fight doing anything to stay, making it a very dull affair.

"Little Joe" Romano, local featherweight, stopped Danny Jeffries of Birmingham, England, in 2.30 of the second.

Oscar Lee Wilkins, 174, Topeka, won a split decision over Frankie Majors, 172, Detroit, in 6. Jackie Wilson, 140, Topeka, decisioned Melvin Hood, 140, Wichita, in 4.

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Kansas City's promoter, Tom McHugh, took a much-needed vacation and probably will reopen this month.

Your correspondent, Topeka's promoter, is also on a vacation.

See you next month. Max Yeargain, 704 Kansas Avenue, Suite 306-307, Topeka, Kansas.

## FROM IRISH CORRESPONDENT
By HUGH WILSON

PROFESSIONAL boxing in Ireland to-day is at a low ebb. Apart from the fly and bantam divisions, we have no boy above a third rater.

Eddie "Bunty" Doran has revived hopes, by annexing the Northern Ireland and All-Ireland bantam titles, of bringing the world's bantam title via Manuel Ortiz to Ireland.

Bunty is a durable boy, who packs a soporific punch in either mitt. His one failing is his buzz-saw style of throwing punches, one in ten landing on the intended target. Thereby he expends his stamina, which proves serious if the bout goes over five rounds.

In his recent title clash with Joe "Boy" Collins, Dublin, for the All-Ireland bantam title, Bunty captured the title by the K.O. route in the first round.

At the bell, he came out of his corner swinging with both hands and while the title-holder kept him at bay momentarily with precision left-leads, the inevitable had to happen. In the dying seconds of the round, both boys were engaged in an infighting melee in a neutral corner, when Doran switched his attack to the facial target, two vicious hooks landing on the point, and Collins crumbled to the canvas leaving a new king crowned.

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The King's Hall, Belfast, was packed to capacity on July 25th for Bob Gardiner's super-tournament. In the top-liner, Eddie "Bunty" Doran, Belfast, 117½, Irish bantam champion, defeated Jean Jouas, France, 118, principal contender for Theo Medina's European bantam title, on points over ten rounds.

Doran's principal asset was courage as he finished the last two rounds with a broken bone in his right wrist and a bruised knuckle. Jouas seemed to be the better workman, particularly with short right-arm jabs.

McCullough seemed flattered by the decision; Tsuneshi Maruo, Honolulu, 119½, on points over eight rounds.

McCullough seemed flattered by the decision; he was the better boxer, but the American boy was the aggressor throughout the fight, having his opponent on the canvas twice.

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Dado Marino, Honolulu (No. 1 contender for the world's flyweight title), boxed a three-round exhibition bout with Jackie Briers, Belfast.

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Cliff Curvis, Swansea, 136, defeated Paddy Dowdall, Cork, 137½, on points over eight rounds. my score card showed a draw for this contest. Curvis took the first four rounds and Dowdall the last four.

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Kid Tanner, British Guiana, 122, defeated Sean Phillips, Dublin, 124, on points over eight rounds. Tanner won in a canter, Phillips shaping like a novice against this talented Negro boy.

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Tommy Armour, Belfast, 151¼, defeated Willie Whyte, Glasgow, 148½, by a K.O. in the third of an eight-rounder.

## WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

CENTURY STADIUM, West Springfield, July 7—Dino Bleta, Canton, Ohio, won a TKO over Billy Lima, of Cuba, in the fifth round. Joe Costa, of Springfield, Mass., won a TKO over Joe Renaud, of Hartford, Conn., in the first. Jack Biddle, of Newcastle, Pa., won a split decision over Bat Stroud, of Hartford, Conn., in six. Buster Baker, Terre Haute, KO'ed Fern Pelletier, of Lewiston, Maine, in the fifth. Baby Zamarrita, Mexico, scored a KO over Ivan Jones in the second of a six.

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Century Stadium—July 14—Tommy Jessup, of Springfield, Mass., KO'ed Humberto Zavala, of Mexico, in the last round of a ten. Emil Evans, of Westover Field, won a six rounder over Jack Biddle, of Newcastle, Pa. Baby Zamarrita, of Mexico, won a six over Billy Reed, of Los Angeles. Benny Brown, of St. Louis, Mo., fought a draw with Henry Polowitzer, of Hartford, Conn., in six. Coleman Burrell, of Springfield, Mass., won a split decision over Billy Currans in four.

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Century Stadium—July 20—Billy Grant, of Orange, N. J., won over St. Paul, of Springfield, Mass., in ten. Emil Evans, of Westover Field, lost to Ralph Burnley, of Philadelphia, Pa., in six. Buster Baker, of Terre Haute, Ind., won over Al Franklin, of Albany, N. Y., in six. Jimmy Holden, of Elizabeth, N. J., KO'ed Jerry Kid Norse, of Hartford, Conn., in the first. Don Williams, of Worcester, knocked out Coleman Burrell, of Springfield, in the first.

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Century Stadium—July 28—Frankie Vigeant, of Thomaston, Conn., won in ten from Gus Mell, of Montreal. Young Junior, of Springfield, Mass., won over Hubert Gagnier, Montreal, Can., in six. Buster Baker, of Terre Haute, Ind., won over Jimmy Pettie, in six, Pettie hails from Woburn, Mass. Jimmy Lynch, of Worcester, won in four from Billy Currans, of Springfield.

Century Stadium—August 4—Young Junior of Springfield scored in eight over Dino Bleta of Canton, Ohio; Tony Falco of Meriden, Conn., won in eight from Buster Baker of Terre Haute; Angel Chavez won over Tony Ducharme of Montreal, Can., in eight; Johnny Priest of Cambridge, Mass., won in eight from Harold Stine of Newark, N. J.; Winston Corbett of Holyoke won a T.K.O. over Jack Biddle of Newcastle, Pa., in the third, and Joey Costa of Springfield, Mass., won in four over Jay Perry of Keene, N. H.

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Marcus Pitts is keeping his fighter, Charlie Bennett, busy. He boxed Willie Russell in Columbus, Ohio. Charlie Bennett is a 138-pounder and is ready any time. You can get him through the writer, at 50 Carlton Avenue, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

## RAMBLING AROUND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
By FRANK PENNINGTON

TONY RODRIGUES, San Francisco lightweight, and Nunzio Ferrera of Milwaukee were featured in the San Jose's main event, with Rodrigues racking up a sensational kayo win in the ninth round when he connected with a right to Ferrera's jaw. The Milwaukee boy was outclassed and outpunched by Rodrigues.

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Bernard Docusen, New Orleans welter, won a decision over Torpedo Reed of San Francisco in the Stockton weekly show, but the southern boy knew he had been in a fight. Reed, a hard-punching club fighter from the Merlin Petit stable, kept boring in at all times but was no match for Docusen's sharp shooting.

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A cut eye suffered by Irish Bobby O'Fallon in the second round of San Jose's main event with Arturo Barron hampered the Irish boy's efforts so much that the referee stopped the fight in the fourth round and awarded the bout to Barron by a T.K.O. The boys were welterweights and both were from Los Angeles.

Mike Bernal, 124, San Francisco, won a close decision over Gregorio Escalona, 118, Tijuana, Mexico, in the semi.

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Jackie Romero, 125, Sacramento, knocked out Jerry Ramsey, 129, of Vallejo, in the sixth round of the Sacramento main event at Sacramento's Municipal Auditorium when the Vallejo lad suffered a cut right eye and was unable to continue. He was a badly beaten boy when the referee called a halt to the affair. Willie Parker, 165, San Francisco, drew with Roy Vooris, 170, San Francisco, in a four-round semi.

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Tony Bosnich continued on his winning streak at San Jose with a second round knockout over Frisco James, Los Angeles heavyweight. Bosnich put James down for a four count early in the second round and finished the southern boy off with a series of lightning left hooks. Bosnich, fighting out of San Francisco, weighed 190, and James came in at 179.

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## RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

ONLY five shows were staged during July, all taking place in El Coliseo Arena, as usual. The results were as given below:

July 5—El Barquerito, 131, decisioned Leonardo Lopez, Mexico's featherweight champ, 126, in ten. Raul Esqueda, 126, T.K.O.'ed Babe Barron, 123, in the third round of an announced ten-heat semi-final.

July 9—Max Perez, 135, decisioned Fillo Prado, 136, in ten. Felipe Rodriguez, 134, T.K.O.'ed Babe Maera, 129, in the sixth round of an eight-rounder.

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July 19—Julio Cesar Jimenez, 135, decisioned Paulino Montes, 134, in ten. They fought for the right of meeting Tony Mar, the lightweight champ, for the title. It was a very close decision. A no contest verdict was given to Aurelio Cruz, 133, and Tony Becerra, 128. The match was stopped in the eighth round on the ground of lack of action. The verdict was not a popular one.

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July 26—El Conscripto, 138, decisioned Chucho Ruiz, 139, in ten. Manuel Rivera, 127, decisioned Raul Esqueda, 126, in ten.

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July 30—Memo Valero, 118, T.K.O.'ed Luis Reyes, 118, in the seventh round of a hot fight. Taxco Kid, 135, drew with Chico Escamilla, 132, in the eight-round semi-final.

## PUERTO RICAN NOTES
By ADRIAN CASTILLO

TONY ROJAS, reinstated as a promoter, presented an international card that was highly welcomed by the public. The program included representatives from the United States, Spain, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. A total of 2,660 fans paid $7,536. The following are the results:

Theofilus Graves, 130, Virgin Islands, decisioned Carlos Stevens, 130, Puerto Rico, after six monotonous rounds.

Harry Wills, Jr., 146, Puerto Rico, won by K.O. in one minute and four seconds of the fifth round over Vincente Charloteen, 148, Puerto Rico. This bout was originally scheduled in six rounds.

Julio Pedroso, 147, Cuba, won a decision in ten rounds from Jose Garcia Alvarez, 146½, Spain. This was a fast performance with the Spaniard receiving a terrific punishment, specially in the fifth round.

Diego Sosa, 129½, Cuba, won the unanimous decision over Roberto (Capitan) Pena, 127½, Dominican Republic, after ten rounds of heavy punching. Pena suffered seven knockdowns during the fight, all for the count of nine. At the end, Pena was a badly battered pugilist.

Kid Dinamite, 146¾, Dominican Republic, took an easy ten round decision from Willie Hogan, 143½, New York. Hogan was a living punching bag all during the fight.

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One of the largest crowds ever seen in this Island gathered in the Sixto Escobar Stadium to see the best boxing card in the last few years. A total of 5,333 persons paid $14,257.20. In the main bout of ten rounds, Luis Galvani, 120½, Cuba, stopped Cecil Schoonmaker, 117, New York, by a kayo in 2:17 of the ninth round.

In the semi-final of ten rounds, Lino Garcia, 126½, Cuba, took the verdict of the judges from Diego Sosa, 127, Cuba. The public was not satisfied with the decision and at the end of the card the judges had to be escorted by the police. In the six round bout, Pablo Crispin, 124½, and Ramon Hernandez, 126, both from Puerto Rico, went all the way for a draw. Adolfo Castro Calderon, 117½, took the unanimous decision from Marcelino Almestica, 117½. Asuncion Llanos, 118¼, won the unanimous decision over Abelardo Alejandro, 117½. Llanos suffered a five count knock-down in the second round.

## PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,
By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

CECIL HUDSON, Los Angeles middleweight, displayed class par excellence in winning a unanimous decision over the local Ossie (Bulldog) Harris in the ten-round main event at Zivic Arena on June 22. Cecil Hudson weighed 159; Ossie (Bulldog) Harris, 162.

Richie Callura, 134, Pittsburgh, floored Johnny Villaneuva, 133, San Antonio, Texas, for a five count in round one and for nine in round two. He was unable to knock him out and had to be content with the unanimous decision in the six-round semi-final.

Lin Brozier, 184, Pittsburgh, racked up his seventh consecutive win by kayoing Grady Welch, 185, Akron, Ohio, in 2:58 of the fourth.

Paddy Hill, 141, Monaca, Pa., and Billy Squall, 148, Pittsburgh, fought six bruising rounds to a draw.

Tommy Stewart, 177, Bellevue, Pa., scored a T.K.O. over Len Perkins, 228, Akron, Ohio, 2:15 of round one, and Jackie Watkins, 132, Homestead, Pa., knocked out Joey Sharpe, 131, Library, Pa., in 1:44 of the first.

Sammy Adragna, Carnegie, Pa., upset the applecart at Zivic Arena by hammering out a unanimous decision over Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa., in the ten-round main event. After taking the first two rounds by a wide margin, Taylor was forced to give ground to the hard-hitting body-punching Adragna, and from then on it was Sammy all the way.

Barney Ross, former world lightweight and welterweight champion, refereed the bout.

Sammy Adragna weighed 146; Chuck Taylor, 147.

Irish Jimmy Sanders, 144, Warren, Ohio, won the split decision over Jack Besselman, 147, Pittsburgh, in the six-round semi-final.

Milton Ashford, 145, Braddock, Pa., broke the winning streak of Mike Kabala, 145, Allison, Pa., by winning the unanimous decision in another six.

Ben Skelton, 170, Pittsburgh, dropped Harold Haslett, 177, Beaver Falls, Pa., three times for nine counts, but had to be content with a unanimous six-round decision.

Johnny Komlo, 157, Waynesburg, Pa., making his pro debut, kayoed Bobby Fuller, 156, Pittsburgh, in the first of a four, and Jackie Watkins, 132, Homestead, Pa., knocked out Ray Brown, 136, Pittsburgh, in the first round of the scheduled four-round opener.

George LaRover of Philadelphia won by a technical knockout over the local Juste Fontaine when Referee Mike Hogan halted the contest after 1:05 of the eighth round of the scheduled ten-round feature attraction at the Zivic Arena.

A smashing right to the jaw staggered Fontaine early in the first round, and the Zivic protege was in the fog for the remainder of the contest. The bout ended with Fontaine leaning back on the ropes, his hands at his sides and completely at the mercy of his adversary.

George LaRover weighed 148; Juste Fontaine, 143.

In the six-round semi-final Al Gaultieri, 135, Washington, Pa., easily defeated Johnny Villaneuva, 135, San Antonio, Texas, in a unanimous decision.

This bout presented a sight seldom seen in boxing. Gaultieri was seconded by his mentor, Sammy Angott, former world's lightweight king; while Villaneuva was handled by his mentor, Fritzie Zivic, former world's welterweight champion.

Richie Callura, 134, Pittsburgh, one of the finest prospects in this territory, boxed rings around Joey Longo, 131, Baltimore, Maryland, but the officials voted the six-round contest "a draw." This writer scored it four for Callura, one for Longo with the fifth even.

Bobby Neal, 144, Beaver Falls, Pa., kayoed Green Leak, 146, Pittsburgh, in 2:03 of the last round of a scheduled four; and Ozzie Neal, 167, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over Mike Scanlon, 161, Pittsburgh, in the four-round opener.

## RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

TERRITORIAL Middleweight Champion Carl Olson lost his title and suffered his first setback in 24 bouts when he lost to Georgie Duke of Petaluma, Calif., over 10 rounds at the Civic Auditorium. The Al Schaff promoted fight card was witnessed by 5,267 fans who paid $12,258.75.

Ordinarily a fast starter, Olson, 158¾, after losing two of the earlier rounds due to low blows, didn't seem able to get going until the 8th round. In the meantime, Georgie Duke, 156, kept piling up a decisive lead by his infighting, concentrating his attack on Olson's body. Neither fighter was in distress at any stage of the battle.

Other results: Willie Vega, 163, copped a close 6 round decision over Terry See, 164¾.

In a four round bout, Willie Caesar, 135⅞, TKO'ed Billy Carlisle, 132⅞, in the second.

Casey Onaga, 116⅝, knocked out Nicholas Boy, 113, in the first.

Henry Lee, 134, stopped Charley Young, 135½, in the first.

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Despite his two defeats to Manuel Ortiz, David Young is still a menacing contender for the world's bantamweight championship. He proved this point at the Civic Auditorium when he decisively whipped high-ranking Tony Olivera of Calif., in a 10 round bout which drew 2,910 customers, grossing $6,087.00.

David Young at 121⅞, was in wonderful shape for this fight. He set a fast pace from the opening round and surprised everybody by keeping it up right to the end. Flickering a sharp left which kept Olivera, 120⅝, covering up most of the time, Young won seven rounds by wide margins. One knockdown was registered by Young in the 8th round when the Californian Olivera took a nine count after receiving two lefts to the jaw. The fight was promoted by Al Schaff.

Other results: Richard Silva, 133, punched out a close one over Ken Maeshiro, 133, in 6.

Mel Sakata, 118¾, decisioned Kid Waialua, 114, in 4.

Johnny Johnson, 145½, knocked out Joe Black, 145¼, in the 3rd.

Abe Konaaihele, 130½, won over Henry Lee, 127⅝, in the 4th.

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Chico Rosa, featherweight champion of the territory, scored one of the greatest victories of his short ring career when he knocked out Rush Dalma, who was making a comeback after 21 months of inactivity, in the 9th at the Honolulu Stadium. A gathering of 9,468 fans paid $20,342.80 to witness the Leo Leavitt card and they went home convinced that Chico Rosa is one of the greatest fighters in the territory and a real potential world champion.

Chico Rosa left hooked his way to victory as he started connecting from the very first round and kept the once great master boxer on the defensive most of the time.

A couple of low blows cost Chico the opening round but hereafter he won nearly every heat without much trouble.

The end came after two minutes of the ninth round when Dalma went down after taking a hard left and right to the jaw. He managed to get up at the count of nine but Rosa rushed in for the kill and was hammering him at will when the referee stopped the bout.

Chico Rosa weighed 125 to Rush Dalma's 126⅜.

Other results: Ken Maeshiro, 135¼, decisioned Ken Monar, 135, in 6. Raymond Chang, 127⅜, won a TKO verdict over Bobby Reyes, 131, in the third. William Candido, 128⅜, won over Abe Konaaihele, 129¼, in 4. James Masuda, 128, beat Mamoru Hirota, 125⅜, in 4.

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TERRITORIAL Middleweight Champion Carl Olson chalked up his 23rd consecutive victory at the expense of Paul Lewis of Oakland, California, in a ten round main event held at the Civic Auditorium on June 20. The fight drew a capacity house of 5,221 customers and grossed $13,526.25. It was an Al Schaff promotion.

Carl Olson weighed 157⅞ against Paul Lewis' 155, four rounds.

Other results: Bucky O'Connor, 137⅝, decisioned Willard Hauseman, 146⅜, over five rounds.

Manual Anduha, 133¼, knocked out Johnny Torres, 133¼, in the fourth of a fiver.

Howard Baptiste, 155, drew with Tommy Lee, 155, four rounds.

Chosei Onaga, 115¼, put the sleeper on Johnny Innis, 117½, in the second of a four rounder.

In one of the most sensational fights seen here in a long while Harold Hoshino, the guy with the "atomic" punch, was knocked out by Henry Davis, youthful Negro featherweight who has risen from an unknown to national rating in about six months, in the seventh of a scheduled ten round fight. The fight promoted by Al Lang and Augie Curtis was held outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium on June 27th and drew 3,796 customers, grossing $8,302.

Hoshino scored a knockdown in the fifth round with a right swing to the face. The blow was a little too high and landed on Davis' cheekbone. Davis, in wonderful condition, apparently was not hurt very much from the blow but elected to stay down for a five count. The tide of the battle changed suddenly in Davis' favor when he landed a straight right as Hoshino missed badly trying for the finisher.

From this round on, the fight was all Davis'. He floored Hoshino twice in the sixth, once, earlier in the seventh, before a smashing right to the jaw finished the game Hoshino for good.

Harold Hoshino's weight was announced at 125¾ to Henry Davis' 125¼ for this fight.

Other results: Bucky O'Connor, 140¾, fought Butch O'Hara, 141½, five rounds to a draw. Joe Soares, 119½, decisioned Tommy Umeda, 121, in a four rounder. Vaoalii Fanene, 174, knocked out Joe Wallace, 166¼, in the first round of a four. Billy Carlisle, 138½, finished Paul Rodrigues, 143, in the second of the four round curtain raiser.

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Marino Tiwanak, 115¼, and Joe Soares, 116⅝, fought to an eight-round draw, topping the Leo Leavitt promoted smoker held at the Civic Auditorium. A crowd of 3626 people paid $5846.50.

The main event turned into a torrid battle with both fighters going at top speed throughout the entire eight heats. Tiwanak took the first two rounds by outboxing his heavier punching foe, but weakened in the middle rounds. A strong finish by the Filipino flash persuaded the two judges and referee to call the fight a draw. But for a low blow in the fifth which cost Joe Soares the round, Soares would have won the fight.

Jeffries Ware, 156¾, of Manila, made his Honolulu debut, by decisioning John Boskie, 156⅜, in 6.

In one of the best fights of the evening, Shigeo Tengan, 128¾, won easily over Slim Suzuki, 128⅝, 4 rounds.

Mamoura Hirota, 125⅝, decisioned Abe Konaaihele, 126⅛, 4.

Kid Waialua, 113, won a close one over Vinny Gerona, 117⅜, in the four-round opener.

## CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

PROMOTER RAOUL GODBOUT staged a bangup outdoor offering before a packed house at the Stade Exchange when he rematched the local featherweight favorites, Lou Alter and Jean Richard, in the ten-round topliner. The pair had staged a terrific battle three weeks previously with Alter gaining an unpopular verdict, though yours truly was one of the few who thought he earned it.

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Alter proved his superiority convincingly in the return battle, which grossed over $4400, a record gate for the small but compact stadium, and the fans were treated to an ideal main event.

Alter, in greatly improved form, was too smart, shifty and strong for the willing, aggressive Richard. Alter had an edge of six to two with two rounds even as he outmaneuvered his youthful French-Canadian foe most of the way.

After a cautious opening round with little to choose between them, Alter opened up with a sudden barrage of wallops in the second round that had Richard on the ropes and apparently on the way to an early finish. However, Richard surged back in a fighting fury and had Alter on the ropes blocking frantically as the round ended. It was easily the standout round of the fight with Alter wisely using his superior ring generalship from then on.

The two eight-round semi-windups were contrasting. In one, Solly Zalter, rugged Jewish middleweight, let go with a flurry of wallops to hang the K.O. sign on Roger Bisson, Quebec's hard-hitting but soft-chinned scrapper, in the first heat.

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The other eight-rounder was a humdinger all the way between Ruby Margolin, Sherbrooke welter, and Gabby Ferland, Montreal, with a draw verdict being rendered. Margolin did most of the damage and appeared to have a safe lead going into the final round, but finished weakly due to a bad nose condition that should be corrected before he boxes much more.

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Tony Prince, Sherbrooke featherweight, started off his scheduled five-rounder with Fernand Cervan in whirlwind style, whacking the Montrealer heartily for a round and a half, but tired rapidly. Cervan started connecting with his heavy wallops and the game Prince finally collapsed in the fifth heat.

The opening five-rounder was a brisk affair with Jerry O'Connor, Golden Glove lightweight champion, making a successful pro debut by scoring a close win over Paul Thibault, whose great finish came a little too late.

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Stray Shots on Vacation—We are holidaying in New York as this goes to press, thumping this out in THE RING'S eye-filling office before going downstairs to see the Billy Fox-Georgie Kochan scrap . . . Took in plenty of good shows and ball games, let alone movies, along with Irish Tommy Murray, who is booked for several bouts hereabouts during the next few weeks . . . Enjoyed a humdinger of a battle when Gus Lesnevich edged out Tami Mauriello at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, which incidentally is one of the few fights we ever paid to see . . . Even the pressmen paid. It was a charity show for the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund, a very worthy benefit.


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## UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

LEE SALA, with defeat staring him in the face, staged a do-or-die rally in the tenth and final round to outpoint the veteran Indian Gomez of Havana, Cuba, in Promoter Tony Cancela's headliner at Fort Homer Hesterly, Tampa. Gomez proved an excellent foe and gained many friends by his willingness. They are middleweights.

Johnny Dupree, Tampa, 160, kayoed Jack Brazil, Jacksonville boxer, in the sixth round. The boys got off to a slow start and failed to show anything as in their first tussle. Rene Cantero and Ernest Nogues, two Tampa welters, drew in an eight-rounder. Johnny Carroll, Jacksonville welterweight, spotted Austin Waters height, weight, reach, yet managed to take the six-round fight. Carroll made a big hit with the fans in his first Tampa showing. The opener, a six-rounder, went to Pete Noreiga. He beat Bobby Dial in a welterweight bout.

Promoter Bob Holcrow gave Macon boxing lovers a fight card on July 15 they won't forget so easily, a healthy sign for the sport's revival under his promotion. It was a double main-event, with Gus Aldridge kayoing Jimmy Burke, and Hal Meredith decisioning Jack Revolta. Aldridge, after taking a pasting for seven rounds, including a first chapter knockdown, staged a rally to stop Jimmy Burke of Savannah in the eighth. Burke tried to claim a foul but this was not allowed. Meredith's win over Revolta was over the ten-round route. Hal tipped 140, and Jack, 141.

Eddie Stout showed well in taking the six-rounder from Daryl Batt in a lightweight meeting. Stout had Batt down for counts on three occasions and the loser was in a bad way at the end of the mill. Red Henderson, 169, won a four from Lewis Villanova, 175. Rocky Dickson, 156, stopped Red Parks, 154, in four. Sonny Jones took a four-round decision over K. O. Harris, a knock-down-drag-out battle.

Turning in a performance with a style similar to that of his celebrated stable-mate, featherweight champion Willie Pep, classy young Tony Falco of Middletown, Conn., showed for the second time his superiority over Clyde Gordon, the Southern welter king, in a ten-rounder at the Civic Center Arena. The decision was unanimous for Falco, who tipped the beams at 142, while his opponent, of Jacksonville and Miami, scaled 144.

In the semi-final, one of the best seen, Vince Scarpari of Newark, N. J., coming along good, took an early lead that won for him the eight-round decision over Chico Pacheco of Brazil. Both are welterweights. Another Brazilian, Giacome (Jack) Boderone, 142½, was awarded a four-rounder over Mickey Alsina, Havana 134-pounder. Red Grant, 127, Leesburg, decisioned Baby Joe Diaz, 127, Havana, in a sixer. Geronimo Kelly, 198, of New Mexico won a sixer from Frankie Wilbatt, 179, of Miami. Dave White, promoter.

Gene Smith (Bob Timpson), young Youngstown, O., welterweight, headed the Biscayne Arena with Emelio Moyado, 145, of Havana, and came out head man by virtue of a first round knockout. The Cuban boy started well but Smith waited until an opening flashed. A right to the whiskers ended Moyado. Vince Scarpari, Newark, N. J., welter, got a right into Rolando Muncell's ribs, and the latter hit the deck for the fatal count. The loser is also from Cuba. Floyd Shiflett, 130-pounder from Georgia, won an eight-rounder from Baby Joe Diaz, 128, another Havana boxer. Irish Jackie Hogan, 131, Pittsburgh, won a six-heater from Red Grant, 126, of Leesburg. Mario Alsina, 135, Havana, decisioned Shorty LaBohrie, 135½, Newark, in another sixer. Billy Spangler, 138, took the other sixer from Joey Hontz, 134½. Sam Weinstein promoted.

Eddie Spencer, who fought as Tiger Eddie Spencer a few years ago out of Macon, Georgia, is a proud daddy. It's a boy.

Billy Kinard, flashing his heavy punch before Orlando fans, scored a four-round knockout over Pete Noreiga at the American Legion Arena. Noreiga, subbing for Austin Waters, put up a good battle as long as it lasted. Waters was barred by the Orlando commission for failure to report for the fight. He also failed to notify the local officials.

Ray Delgado, Tampa lightweight making his comeback, punched out a six-round split win over Phil Orr. Jimmy Laedeke won a two-round T.K.O. over Billy Browers when the ref stopped it. Browers was out on his feet. Windy Winslow, with victory in his grasp, ran out of gas in the fourth and final round with Billy Clayton, and the fight was halted to keep Winslow from suffering any possible serious injury. Clayton took it, a four-round T.K.O. Jack Emanuel received a four-round decision over Buddy McMillan. In a Negro bout between middleweights, L. C. Jackson and Warren Clemons fought to a draw. J. D. Barnes promoted.

A looping right-hander was Frankie Abrams' pay-off punch in flattening Juan Villalba of Havana, Cuba, in the early phase of the third round at the Biscayne Arena at Miami, Fla., July 14. Frankie showed utter disregard for the four pounds he had to lose after the weigh-in so that he could hit the 145-pound mark. He ran off the extra poundage and tipped 144¾ for the fight.

Mario Alsina, 137, Havana special, took the measure of Jackie Blount, Jacksonville, in a six-rounder. Blount tipped 135. Giacome (Jack) Boderone, 137, Brazil, stopped Shorty LaBohrie, 136, Newark, in the third. Floyd Shiflett, 130-pounder from Rome, Ga., won the semi eight from Baby Joe Diaz, 127, of Havana. Sam Weinstein promoted.

Overseas veterans who served in 397th, 484th, and 381st, all Port Companies, are asked to get in touch with Walter Bantum, the middleweight boxer from Baltimore, at the following address: Walter Bantum, 1006 Shelbank Road, Apt. B-1, Cherry Hill, Baltimore 25, Md.

Manager Nick Lucas left Miami for Northern rings, where he expects to find more action for his good Cuban featherweight, Rene Camacho. Camacho, in his first appearance up there, fought Willie Alexander to a draw in a honey of a fight. He may box on the Ike Williams-Bob Montgomery lightweight championship card, according to Lucas.

Many a time a match that appears on paper like a million dollars turns out to be a flop at fight time. Such was the third and rubber match between Tommy Gomez of Tampa and Buddy Scott of Jacksonville. The boys met in the latter city before a crowd of 4200 fans who contributed almost $13,000, the largest gate in Jacksonville's modern day boxing and the second in its history. Gomez won rather easily, by a knockout in the third round after delivering a left hook to the head, the same blow that felled Scott in the second for a nine count. The winner hit at 191, and the loser at 185.

The under-card of the Gomez-Scott show: Georgie Henley, Jacksonville heavyweight, knocked out Irish Jimmy Kelly in the first round of the semi-final tilt after both came out of their corners like wild animals and slugged away until Kelly hit the deck. Kelly, claiming an injured shoulder, took the count sitting down and disregarded cornerman Willie Santanna's plea to arise. Jerry Jackson, New York heavyweight protege of Lou Viscusi, had no trouble in winning his first probout. He stopped Marvin Huggins in the first round.

Billy Leonard, promising young welterweight of Jacksonville, under Cal Cagni and your correspondent's management, again walloped W. H. (Billy) Bennett, also of this city, for a two-round T.K.O. win. Leonard had Bennett down numerous times. Johnny Yates and Johnny Mango fought hard to a four-round draw in a welterweight affair. Yates had a small edge. It was the second best fight on the card, while the first, a whiz-banger between two Negro boys, Tommy Rhett and Little David, both lighties, had the fans in an uproar from their slam-banging from bell to bell, start to finish. Rhett, a good bet for future timber, won the nod in a four-spot. Jimmy Murdock promoted.

Vince Gambill, El Reno, Oklahoma, and Miami, Florida, welterweight, fared badly in Council Bluffs, Iowa, being a victim of Joe Danos, who stopped Vince in three rounds. Another Floridian, Elmer "Violent" Ray of Hastings, brought an end to the winning streak belonging to Ezzard Charles, by taking a ten-rounder from the Cincinnati clouter in Madison Square Garden for a future date with Joe Louis in a non-title bout.

Herbie "Biff" Jones, the South's latest championship hope, gave another demonstration of his powerful belting by knocking out Johnny Nichols in the first round of their bout on the Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale championship go in Chicago. Manager Harry Groves, Herbie's pilot, is confident his little Tiger can beat the makes of Johnny Bratton, who is next on the line for the scrappy Virginian.

Eddie "Red" Cameron, Miami heavyweight boxer, was acclaimed the winner over Jimmy Boyle of Fort Bragg, N. C., in the seventh round by Referee Barney Ross at Charlotte, N. C., but the following day the Charlotte Boxing Commission overruled the former lightweight-welterweight champion and dubbed the bout a "no-contester" in seven rounds. Cameron was downed three times during the second. He reached Boyle in the seventh to cut his eye, a deep cut, which called for Ross' interference. The commission, in reversing the verdict, stated Boyle was in no worse condition during the seventh than Cameron in the second. The fans had protested the referee's award likewise.

Wade Chancey and Lee Sala, heavyweight and middleweight respectively, both Florida boys, showed in Havana, Cuba, with Chancey being stopped in two by Onello Agramonte, and Sala stopping his man, Mateo Sobrado, in the second heat. Sala made a big hit with the Cuban colony and is wanted in a return with Joe Legon, popular middleweight of that island.

After scoring one of the biggest upsets in a New England ring for the year, a ten-round decision over Dennis "Pat" Brady, Miami's boxing Humberto Sierra was matched with featherweight champion Willie Pep in Hartford, scene of Sierra's victory. Sierra dropped a ten-round decision to wily Willie before a sellout house.

At the Civic Center Arena in Miami, Ernie Pelaia of Beaver Falls, Pa., took a ten-round decision over Oswaldo Silva, known previously as Number 84. Dave White was the promoter.

Miami's newly appointed boxing commission wasn't fooling when it came into office to give boxing in the Magic City a cleaning. The members got the broom and mop and went to work, first on Promoter Sam Weinstein and then on Promoter Dave White. Sam's show was cancelled when three prelim boys, Red Douglas, Joey Gioneillia, and Paul Bustamente, failed to show up for the weighing-in and examinatioin ceremonies. Dave was slapped with a fifty-dollar fine for announcing a bout before obtaining the commission board's okay. Weinstein was also fined fifty dollars.

Eddie Steele, Macon, Ga., middleweight, was the winner in ten rounds over Kayo Garvin, Aiken, S. C., in an Atlanta ring headline bout. Tommy Campbell decisioned Flip O'Quinn in an eight-round semi-scrap, both being welters. Henry Hopper kayoed Jim Phillips in a Negro bout. The end came in the fifth. Another battle between Negro boys saw Speedy Jack beat Calvin, lightweights, number of rounds not given. Hopper and Phillips are Negro boys.

Jesse Wilson took the measure of Eddie Steele in a good, close ten-rounder at Asheville, N. C., for a big upset. Wilson, of Fort Bragg, used a left hook as his main weapon in outpointing the veteran, and fought a fine, defensive scrap, which threw Steele's infighting style out of commission. He weighed 160, and Steele at 162. A large crowd attended Promoter Ted Ball's offering. Johnny Taylor, one-time big favorite with the locals, made good on his comeback with a second-round stopper over Al Cook. Both are middleweights. Gordon Ball, Asheville middleweight, won a six-rounder from Freddie Masters of Gastonia. A Negro bout between Jumping Joe Green, Asheville, and Tommy Dodd of Charlotte, went to Green with ease for his fifth straight victory. Bobby Thrift, 140, kayoed Jack Elkins, 140, in the third round.

Georgie Fuller, 16-year-old middleweight, one of the highest ranking amateur boxing stars in the country, is considered watchful material, so let's keep tabs on this good prospect. Fuller hores for a Washington, D. C., boys' club whose boxing coach is Harry Groves, well-known pilot of Herbie (The Biffer) Jones.

It was noticeable in the Jacksonville bout between Tommy Gomez and Buddy Scott that Gomez, Tampa heavyweight contender, who is aiming for a return at Jersey Joe Walcott and eventually Joe Louis, showed something on the ball never displayed in many of his previous scraps. The husky fellow, a terrific puncher, did some neat left jabbing.

Frankie Abrams and Ernie Pelaia, Miami and Beaver Falls, Pa., welterweight contestants in the Civic Center Arena in Miami, in a 10-round main event, gave a near capacity house a most heated discussion, with Abrams a close winner in one of the best shindigs presented here in a great spell. Floyd Shiflett, Rome, Ga., 128-pounder, won an eighter from Billy Lima, who was outweighed by seven and a half pounds. Chico Pacheco, 145, Brazil, won an eight-round tilt from the fading Billy Moore, 145, Miami. Jack Boderone, 141, Brazil, won over the lighter Gregorio Perez, 132, Havana, in the six-round opener. Dave White promoted.

Death reached Warren Murray, former Miami Beach boxing promoter, at his home in that resort after a lengthy illness. Murray was associated with the late Jimmy Johnston, promoter, then at Madison Square Garden, and ran his own at the Beach. His survivors are his mother and one son.

Jorge Estrada, or Bulldog Camagueyano, Havana and Tampa lightweight crowd-pleaser, is doing good work as his latest scraps show, stopping Lefty LaChance and winning over Johnny Shererd since his recent trek up North.

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Terry Lee, crack Tampa welterweight prospect, is back down home after a honeymoon, and ready to resume a promising fistic career. Terry, a

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handsome youngster, is managed by Pete Andrews, who handles Lee Sala, the middleweight firebrand.

Eddie Steele, Macon middleweight, sought and got his revenge when he faced Jesse Wilson of Fort Bragg, who had just a short spell ago beaten him in a hectic 10-round match before Asheville citizens. At the same place, Steele turned back the youngster's bid for two straight by taking a close ten-heat affair which had both men on the canvas, Steele in the sixth and Wilson in the eighth. The winner's greater ring experience played an important part in his win.

Johnny Taylor, well on his way to victory in a bout with Guy Brown, injured his left hand and dropped to the canvas and remained in that position, gripping the hurt mitt when the bell ended the fifth. He refused to come out for the sixth and Brown was thereby awarded the fight on a T.K.O. Both are middleweights. Jumping Joe Green, Asheville's coming up Negro 152-pounder, outfought Tommy Dodd, a Negro lad from Charlotte, in a six-rounder. The two put up a wonderful scrap.

Carl Chastain, 125, Asheville, beat Johnny Crow, 125, a Cherokee Indian off the Cherokee Reservation, in a fast bout. After being on the end of a licking, Yank Cason came back from the early rounds to dish out something of his own on Bobby Thrift, and win by a knockout in three. Ted Ball promoted. Over 2500 fans attended.

Lethal Lee Sala halted Joe O'Connell of Baltimore in the fifth round at Fort Homer Hesterly in Tampa to keep his victory skein unbroken. Sala's win was the second over the Marylander, who proved a dead-game adversary. It was a good scrap to watch. Rene Cantero fought a punching ten-rounder with Young Chino Alvarez. It was called a draw, but opinion felt Cantero the better man over the Tampa battler. Both welters. Cantero and Alvarez both received eye cuts in the contest. They dished out plenty of sizzling action in the latter part of the fight. Very promising Bloody Baggett, youthful lightweight prospect, knocked out Ray Hake in the fourth round to make it his 32nd win in 33 bouts. Pete Noreiga won over a fellow-Tampan, Larry Lynn, in a six-round bout. Both are welters. Tony Cancela promoted.

Fighters reckoning on making a trip to Florida for boxing action can be booked when down here through yours truly, and would like to hear from unattached boys. Boxing news of Southern boxers is very much welcomed and likewise the results of any Dixie boxing show to be published in this column. Address, Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida.

## CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

HARRY HART, Delaware, Ohio, junior lightweight, punched out a unanimous 10-round decision over Detroit's Harold Jones, at Hafts Acre, before 1836 fight fans. Jones, a southpaw, put in some hard left hooks that jarred the Delaware battler, but the boring in tactics of Hart began to tell after the fifth heat. It was a dingbang battle with both boys being staggered repeatedly. Neither fighter was off his feet, but both were in a bad way on several occasions.

Harry Lewis, heavyweight from Toledo, looked very good, taking a unanimous decision from Columbus' Tommy Woodward in the six-round semi-final.

Bullet Williams, Columbus welterweight, and Harry Vinvent, Detroit battler, drew in 6.

Dick Lewis, Columbus featherweight, and Young Armstrong of Dayton fought four heats to a draw. The opener saw Bud Dillinger, Dayton featherweight, get the nod over Jackie Craig of Delaware in four heats. It was one of the best brawls of the season.

The National A. C. Sporting Club of Toledo, Ohio, is the newest club to begin operation with Jay Finn as the matchmaker.

Tanner Williams, the new promoter at Springfield, Ohio, expects to run shows every other week. His first show between Shelton Bell and Bob Amos of Detroit was a real thriller, ending in a draw. The show did not draw as much as expected.

Sam Schipani, Pittsburgh lightweight, defeated Dave Marsh, Akron, Ohio, in ten rounds at Akron. Shipani took over in the first round, and the decision was never in doubt.

Several new fighters have been added to the Dayton roster, among them Young Armstrong and Bod Dillinger, featherweights; Norman Horton and Tom Dunlap, welterweights, all going good in this part of the country.

Norman Fitch just went to a 10-round draw with Willie Davis of Columbus. Murray Sugar Cain, lightweight, copped the duke from Bobby McClure of Detroit in ten fast heats.

Irish Pat Richards, Ohio State medical student, who has been sweeping all opposition aside, met a tartar in Harry Lewis, Toledo heavyweight, in the 10-round feature bout sponsored by the Quality Club at Columbus. The weather was threatening all through the fight and the main go was put on after the opener in order to beat the rain. Two thousand one hundred and thirty-seven fans stayed through the drizzling rain to see all the bouts. Lewis is given credit for making the big Irishman extend himself to the limit to gain the duke. It was fast and furious all the way with the Irishman gaining a hard-earned decision.

The semi-final between Bullet Williams of Columbus and Norm Horton of Dayton, both welterweights, was very close, but Horton got the nod after six rounds.

In another six, Willie Davis, heavyweight from Columbus, and Norman Fitch, Liverpool, Ohio, heavyweight, fought to a draw.

Jack Groff and Dick Lewis, a fair of featherweights, tossed leather for two rounds, and the fight was about even when the two gladiators bumped heads, with both boys deriving cuts on their heads. Both wanted to go on, but the referee decided that Dick Lewis had too bad a cut and gave the scrap to Groff on a T.K.O. Both boys had four stitches taken in their noggins.

In the four-round opener Frank Ivon, Columbus welterweight, and Pat Dunlap, Dayton welterweight, gave the fans an alley scrap with Ivon getting the nod.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, the Becker brothers staged the Ezzard Charles vs. Fitzpatrick fight, which ended in a K.O. for Charles in the fifth after Fitzpatrick had the Ohioan down once. The gate drew $27,000.

Harry Hartman, veteran promoter at Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been out of action for several months, is again going back into business. Hartman and his co-partner, Leonard Shallat, are going to run this time with popular price shows and plan using youngsters who have just come from the amateur ranks.

In one of the most hotly contested bouts staged at Akron, Sammy Schipani, Pittsburgh's lightweight, gave Dave Marsh of Akron a boxing lesson in ten heats. The Pittsburgher came out of the scrap with a deep gash inflicted by Marsh in the second canto. According to the judges it was Schipani all the way.

Johnny Chatmon, Joe Netro's good lightweight, won via a T.K.O. over Buddy Frazier of Washington, D. C., in the second round.

Joey DeJohn, Buffalo, N. Y., iced Bob Fuller in the first heat and Leroy Koeth, Cleveland lightweight, pounded out a five-round decision over Sammy Mastrean of Pittsburgh. The scrap attracted 1104 fans, who paid $2209.

Willie Russell put the skids under Milt Ashford of Braddock, Pa., in the third round of a scheduled ten, sponsored by the Quality Club at Columbus, Ohio. Both welters.

The semi-final between Tommy Woodward, Columbus, and Soldier Williams of the Lockbourne Air Base, was called even after six rounds. They are light-heavyweights. In another six, Jimmy Welsh, Columbus welterweight, met a strong and willing fighter in Pat Dunlap of Dayton. The duke was given to Welsh in six. Young Dillinger, Dayton featherweight, copped the duke from Art Moore, Braddock, Pa., in four, and Freddie Tibbs was given the nod over Sheriff Jackson of Hanford in four.

Matchmaker Roy Finn of the Toledo National A. C. gave the fans on the Maumee shore a real treat when he promoted Ace Miller, Toledo slugger, and Willie Russell of Columbus, holder of the Ohio lightweight crown, in twelve rounds for the lightweight championship of the state. At weighing-in time Miller was at 141, so the scrap was not announced for the crown. It started out with Miller trying to take the play, but he found Russell in there for the same reason and was forced to take the defensive. Time after time Russell rocked Miller and seemed to have him in a bad way, but the Toledo battler would come back fighting. Russell was given the duke at the end of twelve heats in what was called the best scrap seen for many a month in Toledo.

Phil Scharts lost via the K.O. route in the third to Perry Mason, southpaw slugger from Toledo.

Harry Lewis, Toledo heavyweight, stopped Norman Fitch in the third. Freddie Tibbs, Columbus, dropped the duke in six to Johnny Vorce, Detroit welterweight.

Promoter Leonard Shallat and his matchmaker, Harry Hartman, at Cincinnati, promoted their first open-air show at the Parkway Arena, topping Eddie Miller, Dayton, and Dave Clark of Cincinnati in ten rounds. The fight was close all the way, although Clark did have a slight edge up until the tenth round when Clark caught the Dayton slugger with a right-cross that put the Daytonian down for eight. Miller got up but was very groggy. He tried to finish the fight, but fell to the canvas for the count.

The semi-final between Irish Pat Richards, Cleveland heavyweight, and Norman Fitch of East Liverpool was scheduled for eight rounds, but ended in the fifth in favor of Richards by a K.O.

Beau Brown, Cincinnati heavyweight, won the duke over Johnny Ross of Dayton in eight. Ross had his eye cut and closed in the early round, but forced Brown to back pedal all the way. The fans turned out for this one and the Parkway Arena was packed to the rafters.

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Less Huffman, manager of Willie Russell, is planning on sending the Columbus lightweight to the coast for several fights. While on the coast Russell will be managed by Rochester, Jack Benny's right bar. Promoters wishing to use Russell contact Rochester.

Harry Hart in his last fight here in Columbus proved to most fight fans that he is ready for better competition with a record of thirty-five pro starts with but four losses. Hart's manager, Charley Seward, says he is ready to match Hart with any lightweight in the country.

Jimmy Welsh, Columbus junior welterweight, is proclaimed by the sportsmen of Columbus as one of the best prospects seen here for the past five years.

Young Worthy, a good bantamweight, who was in the service for the past three years, is back and ready to resume his scrapping.

Tanner Williams, the Springfield promoter, dished out another good fight card to the Springfield fans when he topped Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio, lightweight, and Harold Jones of Detroit for ten heats. It was an alley scrap with Jones winning the duke. Just two weeks previous Hart was given the nod over Jones. However, this time Jones boxed and stayed away and won the eye of the judges on points. It was rough all the way.

Bullet Williams, Columbus welterweight, and Syd Oliver of Detroit, mixed it for six fast rounds, with Oliver getting the nod. In another six, Freddie Tibbs got the duke over Harold Vincent of Detroit in a welterweight scrap. Frankie Ivon, Columbus welterweight, stopped Pat Dunlap of Dayton in the fourth.

Earl Myers, Mansfield promoter, is now branching out and making preparations to promote in Marysville, Kenton, Bucyrus and perhaps Defiance. All these spots are in the northern part of Ohio.

Best-looking prospect for the month in this vicinity is Norman Norton, Dayton, Ohio, welterweight, what at this time has won every fight he has had in the pro ranks, ten straight.

Send in all notes on boxing by the first of the month to the writer, Less Huffman, P. O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio. Phone FR 77108.

## CLEVELAND RING NEWS

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

JIMMY LEE, National A.A.U. boxing chairman, is making plans regarding the development of American boxers for the 1948 Olympics to be held at London.

The *Plain Dealer* Golden Gloves Board and the Amateur Boxing Trainers' Association are looking forward to Cleveland representation on the American team. In the last American Olympic team of 1936 three of the eight representatives on the boxing team were Clevelanders, namely, Lou Laurie, Jackie Wilson and the late Teddy Kara.

Our best amateur prospects for this classic are Bobby Bell, who scintillated in Chicago, Boston and Hawaii; John Hornik in Chicago, Paul Brooks and Bob Anderson in Boston. Anderson also starred in Hawaii. The three boys who won the National Junior A.A.U. titles in Kansas City are Teddy Fittipaldo, Huston Brown and Paul Simpson. Other top-flighters are Larry Casey, Ronald Delaney, Ernest Hall, George Kolaric, Joe Micattrotta, Salvator Brunello, Jimmy Hudson, Jimmy Gillette and Tony DiFranco. Among the boys of lesser experience who show the most promise are Carl Bultrowicz and Andy Powell. Earl Sabotin, 1946 Golden Gloves champion, who showed well in Chicago and Boston, has returned to action and shows better form than ever.

Cleveland has taken the lead in the nation by organizing a program of athletics, arts and crafts and social activities on a large scale. The Board of Education and the City Recreation Division have merged these activities under one head, known as the Joint Recreation Board.

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Charley Cabey Lewis, 126, Cuban challenger for featherweight honors. Floored World's Champion Willie Pep.
Doug Ratford, 135, Contender for lightweight crown. Beat Freddy Dawson and drew with Gene Burton.
Henry Jordan, 147, Philadelphia's Belting Beauty. Knocked out Norman Rubio, Mike Birskovich and beat Bobby Ruffin.
Irish Jimmy Lake, 185, Winner of R.C.A.F. Lightheavy and Heavyweight crown, also defeated Sanders Cox, Jimmy Hooper and Ted Walters.
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## JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

KID RIVIERA, St. Louis Negro heavyweight, ran his string of successive wins up to No. 12 at the expense of Johnny Shkor, the Baltimore battler, whose claim to fame lies in a win over Tami Mauriello, via the T.K.O. route. Riviera pounded the Baltimore boy around the ring at will, having him on the deck in the second round for an eight count. The show under the Bernstein banners drew 3,619 fans with a gross gate of $7,219.80. Later, in Los Angeles, Riviera was kayoed by Turkey Thompson in the fourth round

In the semi-windup, Harold Guss, 183, St. Louis, stopped Bob Nora, 189, Cheyenne, in the first round. Dick Young, referee. Jerry Pittro (Baby Galento), 165, Chicago, decisioned Billy Gordon, 163½, at St. Louis in six rounds. Bob Ingham, referee. Jesse Turner, 139, St. Louis, knocked out Harry Szerczinski, 135½, St. Louis, in second round. Young, referee. Paulie Davis, 140, St. Louis, stopped Ossie Williams, 135, Chicago, in two. Ingham, referee. Judges, Gene Farrell and Al Graff.

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Charley Riley, St. Louis Negro fistic sensation, is eventually getting the recognition that has been due him so long. THE RING has placed him second behind Miguel Acevedo for the fistic crown now adorning the head of Willie Pep. St. Louis would pay big for that scrap which would decide definitely the number one man to battle Pep for the title. A fight between Riley and Acevedo would have to be staged at the huge Oakland Avenue Arena, as you will remember that the S.R.O. sign was hauled out for the last meeting between Riley and Terranova in which Riley, defeated the easterner at Kiel Auditorium.

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Right Crosses—Freddie Latson is doing okay in the East, where he is fighting his usual good fights. . . . Jerry Marshall, St. Louis boy, recently lost a close one to Sonny Horne. . . . Deacon Logan, St. Louis, scored a four-round K.O. over Pat McCafferty of Topeka, Kansas, at Topeka. This was Logan's second win over McCafferty. . . . Paddy DeMarco, New York lightweight, is still racking up wins at the expense of stiff opposition. . . . Eddie Davis of Los Angeles is making rapid strides in his C.Y.O. boxing program. Davis is the boxing director of the C.Y.O. for the huge Los Angeles area. . . . Bob Foxworth, St. Louis' prominent light-heavy, now battling out of Chicago, decisioned Leroy Scales of Chicago at Chicago, August 4th, for his 13th win out of 14 pro starts. Ten of the 13 wins are via the K.O. route. . . . Harry Eagles, who has a promoter's license here, is contemplating some shows also for the indoor season.

A benefit boxing show for the family of Bill Douglas, who was killed in a recent truck accident, was held at the Walter Hatzfeld American Legion Outdoor Garden, August 4th. The show netted $650 with the attendance estimated at approximately 600. Charley Riley, St. Louis' contender for the featherweight crown, boxed a three-round exhibition with Jesse Turner to round out the pleasing program of the amateur variety. Three younger Douglas brothers, Frankie, Bob and Ted, saw action on the card.

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## WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

JOHN CLANCY, boxing promoter at the Athletic Field in Manchester, N. H., staged the first state boxing championship in many years and, as predicted by yours truly, the fans really turned out to see Florient Desmarais of the Queen City cop the title over a fellow-townsman, Tommy (Red) Wells. A record-breaking crowd of 4007 watched the 12-round encounter in which the two outstanding lightweights in the state battled to a decision that could have gone either way, as indicated by the officials' divided decision. Referee Pal Reed scored the fray a draw and Judges Wally Tafe and John Betley gave the nod to the former New England king, Florient Desmarais. Both contestants are southpaws and good punchers.

Mayor Josaphat T. Benoit presented the trophy provided by J. J. Moreau to popular Florient Desmarais for winning the championship of the state immediately after the decision was announced. The gross gate was $6595, net $5477.

Art Cronin, 135, Manchester, won by a T.K.O. over Pete Desmond, 134, Somersworth, N. H., in the third round of a scheduled four-rounder. Gene Grenier, 134, of Manchester, missed the boat and dropped a decision to Al Tanguay, 137, of Somersworth, N. H., in the second four-rounder. Then, as rain threatened, the main bout was staged, after which Buddy Lessard, 135½, defeated Joe Nadeau, 135, of Somersworth, N. H., via the decision route in the six-round semi-final.

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An elimination bout between Tommy (Red) Wells and Oliver Desmarais, another Manchester 135-pounder (no relation to Florient), to determine who would meet the undisputed contender, Florient Desmarais, was promoted just a short while prior to the title bout and Wells was the victor. The bout was staged at the Athletic Field in Manchester before 2600 fans. The net receipts were approximately $2300.

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Edgar K.O. Perreault, Berlin lightweight, and considered one of the hardest punchers since the days of Bob Gendron, fought at Winthrop, Maine, after a long absence from the squared circle and was defeated by a knockout for the first time in his career. The man to do the trick is Montreal's Marcel LaChapelle, 126-pounder, known as the Canadian Willie Pep. Incidentally, Marcel is a cousin of the writer. Marcel is only 19 years of age and has won about 40 bouts. He lost only once and that was to veteran Bobby English of Massachusetts in a bout held over there. He stands close to six feet and is very fast and shifty. He scored a hit with Boston fans last winter at the Garden. The youth bears watching and he should have a banner season next fall and winter, 1947-48.

Ray D'Aoust of Montreal knocked out Buddy Labbe in the second round. Labbe is from Lewiston and the following week he copped the state of Maine championship.

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It was announced that wrestling bouts will be held at North Conway, N. H., in the Northway Hall.

Pat Dyer, 147-pounder from Berlin, N. H., returned to ring-wars at Portland, Me., in the Expo Building for Promoter Chick Hayes of that city, and copped a six-round decision over Al Marquis, 150 pounds, of Brunswick, Me. Pat will be active from now on as he's in demand. His services can be obtained through the writer.

In another six-rounder on the same card a Berlin boy, erroneously labeled from Dover, N. H., by the name of Gordon Labbe, 149, won a decision over the Portland China boy, Harry Wong, 147.

At Skowegan, Me., in a semi-final, Buster Carroll, 151, Jacksonville, Fla., earned a split decision over Gordon Labbe, 147, Berlin, N. H., and Dick Moody, 223, Lewiston, Me., took a four-round decision from Gene Roy, 190, Berlin, N. H. These prelim bouts were on the Jackie Fisher-Wendell Gallant heavyweight presentation which Fisher won in the first round of an eight-round main bout. Fisher is from Waterville, Me., and Gallant was fighting in his home town (Skowegan). Fisher weighed 192, Gallant 180.

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Fighting back after a third-round trip to the canvas, Oliver Desmarais, 132, of Manchester, N. H., hit the comeback trail with an eight-round decision over Pee-Wee Lewis, 134, of Biddeford, Me. The judges' decision was unanimous.

In the six-round semi-final, Omer Gilbo, 142, Lowell, Mass., won a close verdict over K.O. Coombs, 140, of Portland, Me. In the preliminary bouts, Nap James of Biddeford, Me., decisioned Wiggle Nadeau, Somersworth, N. H., and Johnny Carpenter, Dover, N. H., won a decision over Billy Dooley, Suncook, N. H. The only knockout of the night was by Archie Lizzotte of Dover, N. H., who chilled Henry Malo, Suncook, N. H., in the second round of a scheduled four-round bout. This show was held at South Berwick, Me.

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Numerous boxers have contacted the writer concerning the booking of bouts for them. One side of a card can be easily arranged by the writer with only the type of boys who will please the fans. I represent two complete stables from Montreal, Can., and one from Cleveland, Ohio. Promoters interested should contact me at the following address: 80 Mechanic Street, Berlin, N. H. Telephone number is 506-R and call only after 6 p.m.

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Boxing Shavings: Dom Sinibaldi was inactive last month. He is resting and will resume ring warfare when the indoor season returns. His services may be obtained through the writer as well as those of Lawrence "Pat" Dyer, 147, Berlin, N. H. Tony Frankewich, 155, Herkimer, N. Y., now fighting out of Berlin, N. H.; Jerry Berthiaume, 120, St.. Hyacinthe, Can., booking out of Berlin, and several others. . . . An arena is being constructed here in Berlin, N. H., which will hold 3000 to 3500 for boxing shows. . . . The project is an expensive affair and will be completed in time for the hockey season, late this fall. The entire White Mountains area should greatly benefit by this enterprise and finally a suitable place will be available for promoters of boxing and wrestling to stage their shows.

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In closing, a call is made to all promoters and matchmakers in the Granite State that those who wish coverage in THE RING Magazine are requested to send their news and results before the fifth of each month. Fighters, unattached, wishing to perform in this area may obtain information by writing me, enclosing a return stamped self-addressed envelope. Will be with you again next month. "Au Revoir."

## DENVER AND VICINITY
**By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.**

STERLING INGRAM, 187, fast stepping Denver Negro, outpointed Vince Calzaretto, 188, Chicago, in ten rounds at Denver's Garden Arena. The bout was close with many fans seeing no worse than a draw for the Chicago Italian. In the semi-windup, Little Joe Louis, 150, Denver, knocked out Maxie Starr, 145, Baltimore Indian, in the fifth round. Louis suffered a fractured arm in the fourth round, but still had enough power in his right to halt the Indian buzzsaw. Other results: Wayne Strowbridge, 150, kayoed Johnny Schell, 149, in the third round; Chuck Putney, 150, kayoed Pat Murphy, 145, in the second round; Harold Wilson, 130, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Hudson, 130, in the second round. The show, promoted by Pete Albright, grossed $2544.70.

Promoter Albright staged his second show of the month in the City Auditorium annex. In the main event scheduled for ten rounds, Joe Danos, 149, Denver, kayoed Reecy Davis, 154, Dallas, in the first round. Danos, a tow-headed, baby-faced southpaw, rushed from his corner and connected with a port drive to Davis' jaw that dropped the Dallas boy. He was up at the count of three, but was in no condition to swap punches with the Denver Dynamo. Danos stalked Davis around the ring and launched a barrage of punches that dropped the Dallas boxer for the full count. Corky Gonzales, Denver featherweight, kayoed Spider Webb, Omaha, in the first round. In the preliminaries, Louis Ruybalid, 135, Colorado Springs, kayoed Pete Vigil, 129, Denver, in the fourth round. Chuck Putney, 148, Pueblo, dropped John Schell, 150, Brighton, three times, but suffered a fractured jaw and was forced to retire at the end of the first round. Wayne Strowbridge, 155, Colorado Springs, decisioned tough Chuck Caldwell, 158, Denver, in six rounds. And Pat Murphy, 141, Omaha, decisioned Tony Martinez, 135, Colorado Springs, in four rounds.

Joe Danos, Denver welterweight, traveled to Omaha and chalked up a three-round knockout win over the highly touted Vince Gambill, southern favorite.

Little Joe Louis, who is recovering from a broken arm, will fight under his real name (Clarence Stephens) hereafter . . . Champ Thomas has three great prospects in Joe Danos, Corky Gonzales and Clarence Stephens . . . Leroy Hughes, amateur light-heavy, has been giving the professionals a boxing lesson in gym workouts . . . Art Orlando is another Denver amateur who looks like pro material.

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## FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO
**By ED HACKLEY**

THE only bright spot in the picture for Toledo boxing was Jimmy McClellan's continued winning streak in his New England campaign. He scored twice last month, but continued to be hounded by the jinx that he seems to have acquired in the last months of his stay in Toledo. In an eight-rounder at Providence Jim had the rugged Kit Carson of Newark on his way out in the second round when he wrenched his knee and finished the bout in severe pain, but won in eight stirring rounds. Then after a two-week layoff, Jim took a ten-rounder with rugged Cabey (Walter) Lewis at Chelsea and got a badly bruised hand which has him on the shelf again for a short rest. Lewis tried hard, but McClellan beat him in ten rounds.

Sid Goldberg at the helm of the new Star Athletic Club, ran his second venture without a single local lad on the card and didn't fare very well. Phil Terranova opposed Clem Custer, rugged Detroit youngster, in the feature go and with two performers of main-event caliber in the semi to help.

Terranova just had too many tricks for the rugged and willing Custer and won as he pleased. But both boys gave the crowd a run for their money, and the semi between Al Johnson, 170, of Indianapolis and Benny McCombs of Flint was a Donnybrook, with both boys making trips to the canvas, and being in trouble several times in the course of the eight-round battle. Johnson won the decision. In other bouts, Middleweight Tony Brush of Cleveland beat Buster Peakes of Detroit in a close fight. And in fours Pete Graham of Columbus won over Light-heavy Bernard Humphrey of Detroit. And 158-pound Norman Butts of Detroit went to a draw with fellow-townsman Tiger Tyson.

The reason for local fighters not being used is very obscure. If there were one manager or a group resisting the promoter, the matter would be fairly simple, but such is not the case in Toledo. Jerry Mason is managed by Pat Thurkettle, local sportsman and night club proprietor, to whom managing fighters is purely a hobby; Frankie Gerrard is handled by Goldberg himself; Bobby Burns by another night club operator; Eldon Fletcher by Jamie Huffman, and Larry Moreland is a free-lancer, and some of the managers hardly know each other.

Announced just a few days prior to the Custer-Terranova fight the National Athletic Club, with Cleo Syph at the helm, entered the promoting field to cast a ray of hope on the gloomy picture presented by the Toledo fight game. Their first go was a state lightweight championship go of twelve rounds between Toledo's Ace Miller and Willie Russell of Columbus. The show drew a satisfactory house and the main go was the best action fight that Toledo had seen in some time. A good match on top, with local interest that was an unquestionable crowd-pleaser, and a supporting card featuring all the local boys available, filled a long-felt need.

The Miller-Russell bout was a humdinger, with the boys standing toe to toe several times in the course of the twelve-round bout and both battling without a let-up all through the bout. As a matter of fact, both boys finished stronger and faster than they started. It was a great display of heart and gameness by both boys and left the crowd bitterly split over the razor-edge decision.

In the prelims, Harry Lewis of Toledo clearly outclassed Norman Fitch of East Liverpool, stopping his 176-pound foe in one round and two minutes, and the classy Perry Mason had a good night at the expense of Mutt Schartz of Columbus. Mason was in a class by himself and at no time was pressed by the Columbus battler. Mason flashed great form as long as the fight lasted and stopped his foe in the fourth. Larry Moreland, Toledo lightweight, beat Eddie Brant of Dayton in a slugfest, and in the six-round opener Johnny Varcey of Detroit beat Freddie Tibbs, Columbus.

The idea of state champions is one which stimulates considerable interest in boxing and should be used more by Ohio's promoters. Toledo with good boys in three divisions, should be particularly interested in such a promotion. There is no question but that Russell and Miller are the two best lightweights in the state, and the winner should be recognized without a question.

The writer, who has had his attention divided between here and Boston, has been considering the long trip to California, as Jim McClellan has shaped up at long last as a real topnotcher and is ready and eager to tangle with some of the best Coast boys. Any Mid-western fighters who are unattached and would like to make the trip can contact the writer at 71 Brand Whitlock Homes, Toledo, or while he is in Boston at the Kelley-Hayes Gym, 53 Hanover Street.

## MINNESOTA NEWS
**By BILLY COLBERT**

AT OWATONNA—Jackie Graves, Austin, 132, won the decision over Jimmy Joyce, Gary, Ind., 135, in a ten-round bout before 6000 fans. Promoter Mike Sternberg staged the show and it was a huge success. Graves won every round, though Joyce gave him a tough fight all the way. Johnny McGrand, Rochester, 162, lost by a technical knockout to Maurice Love, Chicago middleweight. McGrand was winning all the way and suffered a bad cut over his eye in the third round.

Sylvan Olson, Fairmont, 187, a good heavyweight, won over Bobby Marshall, Minneapolis, 179, in the best fight on the card, a four rounder. Elmer Davis, 150, Fairmont middleweight, knocked out Johnny Neubauer, St. Paul, 154, in the second round. Matt Hammond, Minneapolis, 125, won the decision over Charlie Schultz, Fairmont, 127, in a four-rounder. Dick Mays, Mankato, 135, knocked out Clyde Pettis, Minneapolis, 135, in the second round.

Duluth—Promoter Joe Gollup, Duluth boxing promoter, staged a Jackie Graves vs. Jack Grady bout. The crowd numbered around 5000 and shows what a great drawing card Graves is in Minnesota. Graves, 132, won the decision over Grady, 129, in ten. Del Flanagan, St. Paul, 137, one of the best prospects in the Northwest, knocked out Speed Moore in the third round.

Promoter Tony Stecher of Minneapolis is busy lining up some fight cards for the fall season. He is trying to sign Graves and Terranova. This fight will draw around 40 grand in Minneapolis.

Attention amateur boxers—In St. Paul at the Wellers Gym, 319 Robert Street, Emmett Weller, the proprietor gives free instruction and free gym dues to all amateur boxers. Anybody interested should see Weller.

Ron Varkeneas, St. Thomas College 175-pounder, is back training after suffering a broken hand a few months ago. Johnny Dudley, Northfield middleweight, is planning to move to St. Paul and will be managed by Emmett Weller. Dudley is planning on going to St. Thomas College. Dudley is a good puncher and boxer.

Marvin Fields, St. Paul welterweight, won a decision over Andy Licari Biwabik welterweight, and a week later boxed Bobby Daniels, Duluth welterweight, and lost a close decision the past month. Both fights were in Duluth, Minn.

Bill Flaherty, St. Paul, Minn., featherweight, is training for a busy season. Sol Ferrazzo, St. Paul featherweight, under the direction of his uncle, Mike Ferrazzo, has won three fights in a row and is a good prospect for a beginner.

Send your news for this column to Billy Colbert, Wellers Gym, 319 Robert Street in St. Paul.

Cowboy Billy Peterson, Hysham, Mont., welterweight, is coming to the Twin Cities. Buzz Brown, St. Paul welterweight, is ready for action and training every day. He is managed by Emmet Weller. The ever-popular Lou Kaye, the jeweler, is now a fight manager. He signed up Melvin Brown, St. Paul middleweight. Mike Sternberg, the roly-poly boxing promoter from Rochester, is planning a card featuring Graves in the main event.

Billy Light, a great welterweight 15 years ago, is now a real estate man. Billy saved his money and is now a wealthy man. Frankie Gruber, West 7th Street lightweight, is boxing coach at the C.Y.C. in St. Paul. Wildcat Mason, Bradley Street lightweight, is the coach at the Christ Child Center in St. Paul. Vince Foster, Omaha welterweight, won a close decision over Howard Bleyhl, Madison welterweight, in Omaha. It was a close fight all the way. Bleyhl is the best drawing card in St. Paul. He never fails to please.

Newton Scott, the South St. Paul promoter, is going to get in action in the near future. A natural for Rochester would be Johnny McGrand and Buzz Brown, St. Paul. McGrand is a good drawing card in the Twin Cities and Rochester, his home town. Jimmy Ellis, the Rice Street lightweight, is a fine prospect. Matt Morrelli, featherweight, lost his index finger working in his uncle's meat market. Don Wilson, Rondo Street featherweight, has been winning with regularity. Norm Mastrian, Minneapolis featherweight, should be challenging the best before the season is over here. Likeable Earl Kane, manager of Del Flanagan, the lightweight, is an engraver in St. Paul.

## SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
**By J. JIMMIE AMANN**

ENTERING the ring a two to 1 underdog, Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles, California, made his Cincinnati debut against Ezzard Charles at Crosley Field.

Before a crowd that paid a gross of $23,000, Fitzpatrick went out and belted the local beauty, dropping him in an early round, but Charles had weathered the storm to last out the round.

From then on it was nip and tuck up to the seventh round when Charles dropped Fitzie. Fitzpatrick took advantage of the "nine count," but upon arising found that Referee Camille had counted him out.

Thus ended the Charles-Fitzpatrick tussle. Manager Mickey Kilcher of the coast heavy, tore into the boxing fathers on this decision, and evidently his claim was valid enough, for a new knockdown rule has been established by the commission, which had it been in effect during said contest, Fitzpatrick would have been returned the winner by a knockout over Charles in the third round.

In the special bout on this card Lloyd Gibson proved too rugged for Eddy Miller of Dayton, Ohio, winning hands down.

At the Parkway Arena, Eddy Miller slipped further in the puglistic mire, when Dave Clark of Cincinnati knocked him out in the 10th and final round.

Pat Richards, a pre-med student at Ohio State, looked quite impressive in a Pier 4 brawl against Norman Fitch of East Liverpool. Richards dropped Fitch in the opening round and in the next three sessions hit the deck himself. Pat finished the job in the sixth. They are heavyweights.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and their pilots—Joe Anderson, former middleweight contender, has sold out his cafe interests in Erlanger, Ky., and is now a distributor for several beer concerns. . . . My Boxing Promoters' and Managers' Guide at a buck apiece is still going strong . . . those interested can drop me a line as follows: Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati, O.


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## BOXING IN PANAMA
By ARTURO H. LE CONTE

PANAMA'S bantamweight throne which was left vacant by Sammy Medina who at present wears the featherweight crown was won by Cesar Leal in a scheduled 15 rounder which ended in the 12th canto, Cesar Leal, 117¾, was seated on the lower decks by his foe Guillermo Andrade in seven stanzas for a two count, but came back and battered his man who weighed 113½, into submission.

In the semi-final, Joe Andrade, 132½, licked Young Bancroft, 134¼, in six heats. Joe Gans, 117¾, eked out a decision over Luis Cedeno, 119½, in a four rounder.

Panama's latest fistic sensation, Wilfredo Brewster, had things his own way in a ten round bout with Colon's Baby Allen. The conqueror Brewster, weighed 119, against his victim's 121¾. Keep your eyes on Wilfredo.

In the semi-final, Gildon Wier, 112, proved to be easy pickings for Byron Cumberbatch, 111½, who chilled him in the sixth and last frame. Ray Nelson stopped Kid Cameron, who scaled 122, six pounds more than his opponent, in the second round. Wilfredo Brown had no trouble getting rid of Harold Dade.

Young Finnegan, 141, chalked up his second straight K.O. win by stopping Dan Calcagno II, in six frames. The fans booed Calcagno, who came in at 143, from the opening canto until the sixth and final session, when he sat on his stool and told the referee that it was all over. Finnegan has too much on the ball for any of our local boys.

Young Yellow, 117½, won an easy six rounder from Indian Villareal, 112½. Joe Gans II, 116, was forced to climb from the lower decks in round one to win a four rounder from Ray Nelson, 116¾; Joe Legon II, 117¼, drew in four rounds with Kid Jaimeson, 115¼, in a curtain raiser.

Tito Despaigne, 144¼, proved that Joe Louis' recent article in this magazine in which he stated that there is no sucker in the boxing game is a fact, by easily licking Jesus Chico Varone, 146¼, who was a ten to five favorite to beat Tito by a knockout. During the ten-round scramble Tito outboxed and outslugged his man. The bout was a thriller. Federico Plummer, 119, was forced to blast Baby Austin, 122¼, out of the ring in the third fracas so that the third man in the ring could halt the one-sided schedule six rounder. Wilfredo Brown, 126½, jabbed his way to an easy four-round victory over Sugar White, 131. Baby Luis, 123½, drew with Kid Allen, 121¾, in a four rounder.

Panama's outstanding featherweight fighter, Simon Vergara, made his third hit with California fight patrons by halting Ralph Lara in three rounds. Vergara is bound to please any American fight fan. He is the same type of fighter as Rocky Graziano and Marcel Cerdan.

Kid Zefine, 124, drew in ten rounds with Sammy Medina, 125. The majority of the three hundred fight fans who saw the dull contest saw Zefine a winner. Panamanian fight patrons are tired of seeing these boys in action and we are quite sure no one will pay to see a sixth battle between these two lads. Medina has to his credit four victories over Zefine, while the latter has been only able to conquer his master once. On the same card Young Yellow defeated Gollo Castaneda in a six rounder.

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## BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By JACK LEVINSON

SINCE 1934, when boxing was first legalized in Virginia, the game has never been at such a low ebb. No pro shows were held last month; the original plans of yours truly to present an outdoor show fell through.

Jesse Lee, former Negro Virginia middleweight, now boxing in New York and vicinity, is meeting with better than average success.

Piggy Hutchins, 147, Richmond amateur champion, who broke his right hand in his professional debut in a bout held in New York, intends resuming his career soon under the Chris Dundee management.

Jerry Galvin, one-time manager and trainer of Tony Shucco, Bep Van Klevain, Earl Roys, Billy Hood and Bunker Hill, is now a successful amateur promoter in Norfolk.

Reuben Jones, Norfolk light-heavy, is performing in New York and vicinity under Willie Ketchum, New York boxing manager.

Boxing notes will be welcomed by your writer. Send your letters to Jack Levinson, 1085 W. 45th Street, Norfolk, Va.

## WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

SEVERAL times in the past we have stuck our neck out in boosting one fighter or the other. On a few occasions we have been terribly disappointed when the fighter we believed in turned out to be a dud. As we go to press this month, again we have a fighter in mind who is worthy of mention. The boy in question is Jesse Underwood of Huntington, and he has already proven that he is no dud. Jesse, a shy sort of person out of the ring, has compiled a very impressive record. He was recently mustered out of Uncle Sam's Army, and since his discharge has beaten Sterling Wiley, State lightweight champion, in eight heats, and two weeks later he stopped Billy Bates of Pittsburgh in the fourth canto. Underwood's record is marred with one loss out of 15 starts as a pro. He is a cool performer, with a kayo wallop in either hand. Jesse should make rapid strides in fistiana.

The second promotional venture of the Ringside A. C. in Huntington proved a great success. At 9:30 on the eve of the show it was necessary to hang out the S.R.O. sign on the local biff bistro.

Charley Banks, 178, Cincinnati, out-gunned Shamus O'Brien, 181, New York, in a ten rounder sparked by spurts from both boys. Banks was clearly the winner. George Gainford's protege couldn't fathom the unorthodox style of the Buckeye clouter.

In the second half of this double-barreled program, Jesse Underwood, 133, Huntington, stopped Billy Bates of Pittsburgh.

In the opening frame, Bates, a deadly puncher, charged from his corner tossing punches from all directions. At this point of the battle it looked as though Underwood was a dead duck, but the local gamester got his bearings in the next canto and proceeded to hammer the Smoky City fighter into submission.

Tommy Saunders, 148, lost the duke to Nate Walker, 152, Pittsburgh (8); Billy Mason, 166, looked great in beating Bobby Love, Cincinnati (5); Paul Estep, 142, bested Ronnie Hamlin, Cincinnati, in the opener. Show was promoted by the Ringside A. C., with Mickey Davies, matchmaker; Buck Collins, promoter.

Jimmy "Gunboat" Davis, Charleston lightheavy, is now working in the East under the Dewey Fragetta banner. Jimmy is a good puncher. . . . Custer Perry is now handling fighters in the resort city of Asheville, North Carolina.

Matchmakers and promoters wanting top notch talent or action here would do well to contact your writer at the Ringside Cafe, 320 20th Street, Huntington, W. Va. Phone 27862 or 27992.

## NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND—Many Northern New Jersey rooters were on hand at Ebbets Field to see Gus Lesnevich of Cliffside Park outpoint Tami Maurello in a good fight. They also saw two other local boys win as Bernie Reynolds of Cliffside beat Leo Matracini, and Laverne Roche of Millburne whipped Norman Rubio.

Best Prospect of the Month—Chick Burton, a classy hard-punching Newark lightweight, who was a big hit in his local debut.

Results for the Month—Roosevelt Stadium, Union City: Ernie (Rock) Durando, 151, Bayonne K.O.'ed Jimmy Milligan, 146, Paterson, 1.41, 4; Mickey Garcia, 132, Harlem, came off the floor to upset Tommy Baker, 127, Cliffside, 8; Jimmy Holden, 179, Elizabeth, outpointed Kid Rosco, 202, Jersey City, 6; Johnny Langley, 168, Cliffside Park, outpunched Lester Hodges, 162, Elizabeth, 4; Joe Guarino, 140, Cliffside Park, K.O.'ed Russ Green, 134, Elizabeth, 1; Bill Giovine, 155, Newark, outpointed Mike Carney, 160, New York, 4.

Ernie (Rock) Durando, 152, Bayonne, outpunched Freddy Patterson, 154, Rochester, N. Y., 8; Chick Burton, 139, Newark, outpointed Jimmy Sciarra, 132, Hobokeu, 6; Jimmy Holden, 178, Elizabeth, outpointed Willie Frances, 190, Newark, 6; Sam Humphries, 123, Newark, outpointed Joe Monhan, 120, Bayonne, 4; Bill Giovine, 154, Newark, repeated over Mike Carney, 158, N. Y. C., 4; Billy Sheeley, 120, Newark, stopped Tom Haywood, 118, Montclair, 2.

Mike DeCosmo, 144, Elizabeth, was hard pressed to beat Danny Robinson, 145, Chicago, 8; Johnny Johnson, 130, Harlem, K.O.'ed Mickey Garcia, 132, Harlem, 5; Clarence Ayene, 148, Nutley, K.O.'ed Joe Guarino, 143, Cliffside Park, 3; Ernie Sheppard, 187, Orange, stopped Willie Frances, 197, Newark, 3; Bobby Smith, 132, Newark, outpointed Richard Jordan, 134, N. Y. C., 4; Johnny Langley, 168, Cliffside Park, and Cecil Davis, 165, Newark, drew, 4.

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## BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA territory is only covered by Ye Scribe, and here are the results for the period, June 28 to July 26:

Onelio Agramonte, who just returned to Cuba after a successful tour in the United States, put the skids under Julio Lazaro Diaz in the first round after a barrage of blows to head and body which floored Lazaro Diaz twice before the knockout came.

In the semi-final, Geraldo Vales, alias "El Nino," scored over Also Rodriguez, who had an advantage of 12 pounds. Valdes was in bad shape in the fifth, being floored three times, and in the sixth session Valdes floored Rodriguez for a no-count. Valdes had sufficient points to rightfully deserve the decision. In the preliminaries, Tomas Vega and Alfonso Pages drew; Kid Yova stopped Dioniso Iturbide in one; Tony Casas beat Jose M. Diaz, and Candido Gonzales outpointed Ramon Garcia.

Agramonte, Cuba's light-heavyweight, continued his chain of victories when he scored an easy two-round knockout over Wade Chancey, who weighed 187¼. Agramonte started a two-fisted attack and Chancey never had a look-in during the short duration of the contest. In a special bout slated for six rounds Lee Salas looked impressive when he put the skids under Mateo Sobrado in two rounds.

Tony Alvarez continued his chain of victories when he scored an eight-round kayo over Pepito De La O. The contest was full of excitement and the crowd got a real thrill when Alvarez was floored in the fourth session. But with his pugilistic experience, Alvarez weathered the storm and managed to get ahead on points until the final blow put Pepito away for keeps in the eighth round.

Ciro Morasen in the semi-windup, scored a seven-round knockout over Ray Castillo. Morasen looked good in his work, and promises to reach the spotlights if properly managed. Armandito Mir won in six rounds from Raul Hernandez; Rene Abelle and Baby Cuna drew in an interesting six-rounder; Gilbert Kessel outpointed Laszaro Hiturriza, and Soldier Escobar beat Felix Torres in the opening number of four rounds.

Orlando Zulueta, Cuba, defeated Pelon Perez of Mexico in the main ten rounds at the Palace of Sports in Havana. Zulueta had no trouble in handling his Mexican rival and looked good in his easy victory.

In the supporting contests, Luis Gonzales beat Leopold Martinez; Osvaldo Castillo won from Reginald Valdes; Kid Kendy and Orlando Lamdrid drew, and Raul Perez won easily from Francisco Alfonso.

## IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

PROFESSIONAL boxing in Tacoma has been at a standstill. Come early fall the sport will get under way once more.

Jimmy "Kid" Fitzpatrick, popular Tacoma 130-pound youngster, is a hot card here.

A roaring express is the label attached to Virgil Larson, by all those who have watched this Tacoma youngster score four straight knockouts in the amateur ranks. Virgil, now weighing 135 pounds, is growing rapidly and may well grow into the middleweight division.

Twenty-two-year-old lightweight, Hal Haloway, late of Jerome, Idaho, now from Tacoma, is developing into one of the best boys of his weight in the Pacific Northwest. Haloway, in March of this year lost out in the finals at the Boston N.A.A.U. affair. Since turning "pro," under the direction of Fred Bruny, Hal has won four in a row.

Chuck Haines, the hustling matchmaker for the Victory Boxing Club in Spokane, has been the most active in Washington state fight spots during the warm weather spell.

Professional boxing in Portland, Oregon, witnessed a big drop in attendance. One show drew only 672 fans, with a little over $1400 in the till.

Paulie Cook, the game and hard free-swinging Tacoma featherweight, has retired from the glove game.

Dick Ross, promising 20-year-old Tacoma heavyweight, will be discharged from Uncle Sam's Navy in November. Dick will return to the fight game. Young Ross ran up quite a string of victories while in the service, during his two-year hitch.

Will Maylon, former Tacoma fight promoter, a grand fellow, is an ardent fight fan.

One of Tacoma's most rabid fight fans, Inigo Lucceshi, prominent Tacoma business man and top-flight bowler, is closely watching the ring future of young Virgil Larson.

## BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

AFTER Joe Matisi beat Bill Sullivan in a return match at Endicott, N. Y., Joe had to ask for a postponement of his scheduled set-to with Erv Sarlin at Pittsburgh . . . Joe injured his right hand in the Sullivan scrap . . . Phil Muscato has taken a three months' vacation . . . Guy Sulpi, manager of the Muscato brothers, asks me to say that he believes Joe Muscato will be all right after a summer vacation .

Wrestling promoters Ed Don George and Jack Herman of the Great Lakes A. C. are shaping things up for another big season. Topped by the $20,000 gate which Primo Carnera and Iron Talu attracted, the 1946-47 season was a bumper one. First-class wrestlers from Europe, Australia and South America will join the American group in working out of Buffalo. The address of the Great Lakes Club is 262 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

HERE AND THERE . . . Fat Johnny Toth believes his good little scrapper, Tommy Stenhouse, will be boxing main events here soon . . . Junior Singer will manage the Jack Singer gym again this year, and Charlie Palmer is boss at the FAC emporium.

SHORT STUFF . . . Tommy Moore has gotten off to a good start as a boxing and wrestling promoter at Jamestown . . . His club is drawing well . . . Nick Pistory, the Erie, Pa., promoter, has the Erie Municipal Stadium for fights . . . Nick may stage at least two outstanding shows before the warm weather passes.

Here's an opportunity for boxers who are young and can fight. Buffalo, one of the best fistic centers in the country, will have shows every week during the 1947-48 season. Boxers who are not tied up with contracts or managerial alliances should write Hugh Shannon, 299 Maple Street, Buffalo 4, N. Y.

Dick Loadman, great bantamweight of 25 years ago, was in town renewing friendships. Dick, who is back in his old home town of Homestead, Pa., looks the picture of health. Loadman was entitled to the bantamweight championship the night he knocked out Johnny Ertle in three rounds at Milwaukee. Buffalo fans saw Dick fight Kid Williams in as rough and tough a battle as one would care to see.

Pete Zadunk, the Toronto knockout artist, will be a great attraction in Buffalo from now on. Incidentally, Beve Carter, a clever and hard-hitting Toronto middleweight, will do a lot of fighting in Buffalo this coming indoor season . . . Carter has plenty of class . . . The promoters at Erie, Jamestown, Binghamton, Bradford and other nearby cities will have a wrestling circuit going soon.

Abel Cestac, huge South American, who K.O.'ed Joe Muscato here, is a terrific hitter and goes merrily on his way stopping all comers . . . We'd like to see him fight Joe Matisi . . . Patsy Newman, Frank Domino, Lo Dudo Parisi, Al Rogers and Charlie Palmer are all excellent trainers and seconds.

## AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES
By TOMMY MAXWELL

AKRON for the second month in a row had but one show, and in it little Sammy Schipani, Pittsburgh Italian, gave Dave Marsh, local light, not only a boxing lesson but a severe drubbing. Sammy pasted Marsh throughout the entire ten rounds with every known punch in the game, having all the answers to anything Marsh attempted. The best one could say for the local lad was that he stayed in there and took it. Sammy suffered a badly cut eye in the second round, but the handicap didn't stop the Pittsburgh boy from pouring leather throughout the bout.

In the semi-final Johnny Chatman had easy pickings against Buddy Frazier, as did Joey DeJohn in his bout with Jim Fuller. Both bouts ended in the second round with neither Fuller nor Frazier showing anything.

Sandy Siefeet, Pittsburgh, had a soft touch in Jimmy Van, the latter going out in the first round. The best fight of the night was between Sammy Mastrean of Pittsburgh and Leroy Keoth of Cleveland, with Keoth getting the decision in a very close battle. The show did not come up to expectations at the box office.

The best drawing cards here are doing business out of town. With but one club operating, the others are far too small and hence such boys as Rudy Zadell, Grady Welch, Jimmy Ainscouth, Freddie Bernhardt, and such lesser lights as Gil Holcomb, Billy Partin, Vic Kondick and others are boxing elsewhere. Zadell made tremendous hits in Davenport, Ia., and Chicago. Grady Welch put on a couple of thrillers at Pittsburgh. Bernhardt wowed them in both Davenport and Scranton, Pa. These boys are all crowd pleasers and are in demand.

A visitor to town the past month was K.O. Christner, once famous heavyweight contender. Chris looks swell and claims he weighs ten pounds less than he did in his last fight. He looks great and is doing fine with a large bowling establishment at Cumberland, Md. They call Louis and Walcott old, but this boy Christner never started boxing until he was past thirty, and fought and defeated some of the best in the game.

Nearby Ravenna, O., will have a new club and their first show over by the time this goes to press.

## IN THE COAL REGIONS
By MARTY BLAKE

ALLENTOWN, PA.,—George LaRover, 145, Phila., stopped Frankie Conti, 140, Haverhill, Mass., in 2:10 of the ninth.

Bob Maloney, 140, Phila., knocked out Jiggs Donahue, 145, Phila., in 1:59 of the first round of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Scranton—Johnny Green, 151, Buffalo, N. Y., stopped Billy Tordiglione, 148, Boston, in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder at Town Hall.

In the scheduled six-round semi-final, Sam Mack, 163, Buffalo, stopped George Pavlisko, 155, in the fourth.

A second scheduled six saw Frankie Jayne, 125, Plymouth, Pa., get the nod over Filipe Rivera, 127, New York.

In the four rounders, Billy Palumbo, 129, Fleetville, Pa., kayoed Eddie Smith, 129, Phila., in the first round and Don Stetzar, 185, Scranton, stopped Sonny Parker, 200, Dickson City, Pa., in the second.

Wilkes-Barre—Rocky Castellani, 155, won a unanimous decision over Ernie Butler, 150, of New York City, in a sharp eight round contest. Castellani was the aggressor throughout and had Butler on the verge of a kayo in the final round.

In the six round semi-final Jimmy Miller, 135, Wilkes-Barre, made his fistic comeback a winning one by stopping Julio Garcia, 133, New York City, in 10 seconds of the second round.

Eddie "Blue" Mullens, 136, of Wilkes-Barre, lost a six round decision to Charley Harris, 134, of New York City, after putting up a stiff fight. Mullens was down for counts of nine, five and seven in the first, third and fifth rounds respectively.

Bobby Lloyd, 122, Kingston, Pa., won his fifth straight pro fight by belting out Bob Edsel, 122, of Pittston, Pa., in 2.22 of the third round.

Tony Jess, 185, spotted Lenny Meade, 203, 18 pounds and then proceeded to belt out a four-round decision.

Tommy Taylor, 145, Binghamton, had too much class for Jackie Mulhern, 140, game Ashley, Pa., youth, and Mulhern's manager wisely threw in the towel in the fourth.

The show, presented by the Armory A.C. with Frank Shepard promoting, drew 3,988 and a gross gate of $7,781.90.

Jimmy Slavin, who also has the Diamond A.C. in W-B, took over control of the Lakewood Arena near Hazleton, Pa., and expects to put on six outdoor shows this summer. His first card saw Choo Choo Derr, 157, Allentown, Pa., win a hard fought eight round decision over Chubby Wright, 158, of Reading.

For information on boxing in this region drop me a line at 54 W. 8th St., Wyoming, Pa., enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

BECAUSE they find the promotion of outdoor fights in Red Wing Stadium entails too much of a "nut," Provenzano A. C. officials have shelved outdoor fights.

At Utica, N. Y., Jackie Gaines, 148, Cleveland, knocked out Al Highers, 143, of Sherrill, N. Y., in five. Billy McCrea, 144, Cleveland, won over Harry Hintlian, 137, of Worcester, in eight. In the best fight of the night, Wild Bill Foley, 125, of Rochester, N. Y., and Roosevelt Flagg, 124½, of Albany, fought six great rounds to a draw. Billy Garret, 143, Pittsburgh, K.O.'ed Johnny Rollins, 138, of Albany, in five. Jimmie Drain, 133, Cleveland, K.O.'ed Herbie Eaton, 130, Rome, in six, Calvin Leigh, 117, of Rochester, won his fifth fight in a row when he defeated Artie Olsen, 119, of Utica, in four rounds. The fights were held at Bennett's Field, and the house grossed $1119.50. The weather was bad.

At Syracuse, Elmer (Violent) Ray K.O.'ed Pete Louthis of Cumberland, R. I., in two rounds. Billy Garrett, 145, Cleveland, K.O.'ed Cliff Hart, 147, of Syracuse, in four. The referee stopped the bout because Hart had a bad cut over his eye. One of the best fights seen in Syracuse in years was a rematch between Wild Billy Foley, 124, of Rochester, and Roosevelt Flagg, 125, Albany, both fought toe-to-toe for six rounds. Foley got the unanimous decision. Tony DeMicco, 179, of Schenectady, T.K.O.'ed Allie Johnson, 177, Buffalo, in four. Danny Viola, 154, of New York, was K.O.'ed by Sid McDonald, 155, Albany, in two. Calvin Leigh, 116, Rochester, made it two in a row over Artie Olsen, 117, of Utica, in the four-round opener. The house grossed $6266.

At McConnell Field, Utica, N. Y., Howie Brodt, 148, Chadwicks, N. Y., won over Chet Vinci, 149, Rome, N. Y., in eight. The semi-final, put on after the main bout, between Billy Pinti, Rome, and Jackie Nieves, 128, New York, was stopped in the first because of rain. Vic Belanger, 145, Utica, kayoed Joe Locash, 140, Utica, in two. Georgie Brown, 155, New York, kayoed Donald Gane in two rounds. In the opening four-rounder, Artie Olsen, 119, defeated Don Aitken, 120. Both boys from Utica.

After 13 years, Tommy Moore, veteran fight manager and promoter, is staging fights again at Jamestown, N. Y. In his first show Moore drew 2200 fans.

Three Rochester boys who are going great guns are Wild Bill Foley, 126; Calvin Leigh, 117-pounder, and Harry Smith, 135. Foley has fought 14 fights and won all but one. He lost to Eddie Vaughn of Toronto by a T.K.O. The referee stopped the bout when Foley got a bad cut over his eye. In a return fight, Foley kayoed Vaughn in three heats. Leigh has had five fights and won them all, three by K.O.'s. Harry Smith has had four fights and won them all, two by K.O.'s.

Art Sykes, the boy who fought Champion Joe Louis, has received a license to run fights in Elmira, N. Y. Art is making plans to run weekly shows.

Johnny Rowe is back in training after a two-months' lay-off due to a bad side. Rowe has defeated Johnny Baldersano, Marty Ferra and others.

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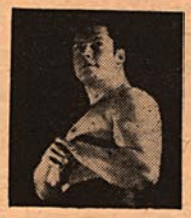

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## TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

THE bantamweight bungle in Europe and the world seems to get us nowhere, for after Harold Dade wins the title from Manuel Ortiz, he loses same to the former champion, then Peter Kane, considered by the British boxing board of control (as not eligible to contest the northern area title), turns in a feat by forcing the seconds of the champion of Europe, Theo Medina, to cry enough, in their recent contest.

Now on top of all this comes an offer from Promoter Bob Gardner of Belfast to stage a world's bantamweight title in Belfast between Ortiz and Eddie Bunty Doran of Belfast.

A protest from Pat Collins, manager of Jackie Paterson, holder of the British and Empire title, was lodged, asserting that Jackie as champion, has a prior claim, but it was not so very long ago that "Wee" Jackie was beaten by Theo Medina for the European title, and when Peter Kane defeated Bunty Doran and followed by a win over Medina, he set a cat amongst the pigeons, or should I have said "bantams."

I can see another protest coming from Billy Hughes, the manager of Norman Lewis of Wales, for he has a right to claim a hearing, for Lewis has won the B.B.B.C. Eliminating series to meet Paterson for the latter's Empire and British titles. There are a couple of other bantams with a claim such as Johnny Boom of Stratford and Stan Rowan of Liverpool.

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Henry Hall, Sheffield, who will accompany Bruce Woodcock to the States, scored a K.O. win over Patsy Quinn of Belfast in the third round at Newcastle.

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Eddie Thomas, 144, the clever Welsh welterweight, gave an impressive display when he gained a points win over Jean Wanes, 148, of France at Newport.

The show promoted by Eddie Lyons was to have been for funds for one of our most popular champions, Johnny Basham, who was a very sick man. But fate stepped in as poor Johnny passed on within a week of the show, and the funds were given to his dependants.

Eddie Miller, 130, of Australia, gave a boxing lesson to Welshman Cliff Morris, 128, of Pontypridd, over eight rounds, and a week later sailed for home.

Johnny Williams, 164¼, a young middleweight from Rugby, forced a draw with Johnny Houlson, 159½, of Cardiff, in eight.

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Terry Allen, 111¾, Islington, made a welcome appearance in the ring after a long illness, at Willesden, to gain a clever eight-round points win over the Negro, "Pinchie" Thompson, 114, Flyweight and Bantamweight Champion of Jamaica, winning every one of the eight rounds by a good margin.

Jackie Lucraft, 125, Islington, knocked out Garry Roche, 124, of Ireland, in the first round with a right to the jaw. Harry McMurdie, 137, Edgware, won his bout with Billy Lee, 139, Islington, in the seventh round when the latter received a badly cut mouth. Wally Basquille, Ireland, knocked out George Small of Battersea in the seventh round. Freddie Hicks, 121, Bermondsey, knocked out Dicky Grant, 121, Barnsley, in the fourth round.

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Tommy Farricker, Manchester, was too good for Ronnie Bishop of Wales and it was no surprise when the towel was thrown in at the end of the fifth round, in the chief bout at Hanley.

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Jimmy Stewart, 117½, Edinburgh, outpointed Mickey Jones, 117, of Southend in an eight-round contest at Mile End. Jackie Foster, 114½, the young Irish bantamweight, and Les Johnson, 117, fought a six-round contest to a draw, which favored Johnson. Vic Manini, 139, Lambeth, knocked out Jimmy Thornhill, 138, Nottingham, in the fifth round. Teddy Lee, 149¾, Islington, knocked out Teddy Fear, 153, Wales, in the second round.

Bert Gilroy of Glasgow made short work of Harold Anthony of Wales in the feature contest at Glasgow for it took two rounds to score a K.O. victory. Tim McGrory, Glasgow, caused a surprise by outpointing Harry Hughes, Wishaw, contender for the Scottish lightweight championship, in an eight-round contest. Jack Todd, Ayr, and Art Owens, Peterborough, fought a real Donegal affair for eight rounds before Owens was declared the winner. Jim Kenny, Polmont, gained his sixth consecutive K.O. win when he put the skids under Roy McGregor, Glasgow, in the third round.

Stan Hawthorne, 136½, North Shields, punched too hard for Gerald Lust, 135¼, of Belgium, and the referee did a wise thing in stopping the one-sided contest in the third of what was to have been ten rounds at the Liverpool Stadium.

Bert Jackson, 128, Fleetwood, fought with great determination to defeat Arthur Machetlinck, 127¾, Belgium, for early in the first round their heads came together and Jackson was the bigger sufferer, for the rest of the contest with blood streaming down his face he forced the Belgian around the ring to win on points at the end of the eight rounds.

Tommy Bailey, 127, Liverpool, gained a points win over the clever Billy Kenrick, 132, of Widnes in eight. Call Johnson, 149, Jamaica, and Freddie Wilkes, 148, Birkenhead, fought a well-merited draw in six.

Jackie Wilson, 161½, Belfast, defeated Gerry McCready, 155, Lurgan, on points over eight rounds at Belfast. Dave Watson, 132½, Belfast, defeated Dick Dyer, 129, Gibraltar, in eight. Joe Quinn, 146, Derry, knocked out Joe Armour, 141, Belfast, in the first of an eight-round contest. Freddie Webb, 154, Belfast, outpointed Nick Weldridge, 151, of Dublin, in a hard fought eight-round contest.

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In the chief bout at Watford, Jock Taylor, 162, of Sidcup gained a hard-earned points decision over Reg Spring, 169, of Southall at the end of ten rounds.

After the contest the father of Spring was taken to the hospital where he died. It seems a pity that Mr. Spring did not take the advice of The Southern Area Council that it would be to his and the boy's advantage that he does not act as his manager and second.

Rex Whitney, 150, Rushden, forced the referee to stop the contest in his favor against Prince Merchant, 157, of Barnet after the latter had taken considerable punishment in the third round.

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Jake Carr, 144, Thornaby, outpointed Rugger North, 143, Barnsley, in a thrilling eight-round bout at West Hartlepool.

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The three Turpin brothers appeared on the same card at Coventry and a large crowd saw them come through with victories. Randolph Turpin, 156¾, soon put paid to the prowess of the Belgian middleweight Leon Fouquet, 157¾, in the first round, after Fouquet had smartly led with a left to the face. Randy shot a snappy right to his jaw, and the Belgian fell on to the lower rope to be counted out.

Dick Turpin, 156, outpointed Jim Hockley of London, 162, over eight rounds and Jackie Turpin, 131, boxed cleverly to outpoint Tommy Cummings of Leicester, 122¾, over six rounds.

Ric Sanders, the Leicester southpaw, 145, boxed well to outpoint Norman Twigger, 153½, Bedworth, in eight. Ernie Thompson, 143¾, Bedworth, outpointed Jim Leatham, 142, Wolverhampton, in eight. Charlie Squires, Coventry, defeated Johnny Summers, Edinburgh, on points in eight.

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Making his first appearance in a West Hartlepool ring, Terry Allen, London, 110, proved too good for the local Alf Hughes, 113, in the feature eight round contest before a record crowd of 4,500 fans.

Hughes had no effective check for the accurate left hand and two-handed body punching of the Londoner. Allen was an easy winner.

In the supporting eight round contest, Joe Collins of Newcastle scored a win over Jackie Fairclough of Preston in a flyweight contest. Dave Davis, Darlington, won a hard hitting contest over Billy Taylor of Preston.

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Isadore Green's talent show at the Wembley Town Hall was well patronized and there wasn't a vacant seat to witness the budding champions of tomorrow.

Pride of the show was middleweight Johnny Williams, of Rugby, a protege of Ted Broadribb, who scored a kayo victory over Bernard O'Niel, of Jarrow, in the second round. . . . Joe Rood, the young Aldgate middleweight, once again demonstrated his hitting ability, when he knocked out Prince Merchant, of Barnet, in the third round. . . . Les Pam, of Hackney, knocked out George Barrett, Army, in the fourth round after being a punching bag for three rounds, in a heavyweight contest. . . . Jackie Foster, the young Irish bantamweight, defeated Billy Finch, Greenwich, in the second round when the referee intervened to save a game lad unnecessary punishment. . . . Arthur Wright, Peterborough, won over Stan Hibbert, Battersea, in a six round lightweight contest. "Baby Face" Johnny Rendall, who was awarded the best winning prize in a previous show, was unfortunate in his meeting against Harry Warren, Morden, who was too aggressive for Rendall, and when the latter received a cut eye in the first round the contest was stopped. . . . Stan Davis, the former star amateur, gained a points win over Eddie Cardew, of Holloway, in a hard welterweight bout. . . . Lionel Binney, Sheffield, a Negro featherweight, knocked out the clever Emlyn Jones, of Croydon, in the third round. . . . Wally With, of Hoxton, punched too hard in a middleweight contest for Art Owen, of Peterborough, and the fight was stopped in the second round. . . . In the final bout, Jack Evans, of Sidcup, defeated Van Robinson, of British Honduras, in a bout full of action, in which both boys visited the canvas.

The loser of this contest was awarded the best loser's prize, and Johnny Williams was voted the best winner of the evening.

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At the Mile End Arena, the promoter and matchmaker were at their wits end when one of the supporting contests failed to show up, and the feature contest between Vic Manini, 140, of Lambeth, and Warren Kendall, 140, of Wales, ended in the first round when Manini was disqualified for hitting low.

Both Kendall and Manini consented to take part in another contest. This also ended in the first round when Manini connected with a hard right to the Welshman's jaw after which Kendall was a target for the heavy hitting of his opponent, and it was no surprise when he signalled his retirement at the end of the round.

Jackie Lucraft, Islington, scored a three round knockout over Denis Earls of Woolwich with a right to the jaw.

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Mark Hart, Croydon, defeated Jury 7th, of France, on points over eight rounds at Jersey after a very good contest.

Ron Bissell, ex-amateur bantamweight champion, won over Dic Perriam, of Guernsey, when the latter was forced to retire with a bad eye at the end of the fifth round.

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Al Riches, of Luton, and Frank Spalton, of Hammersmith, fought eight rounds to a draw. . . . George Barrett, (Army), stopped Harold Anthony, Wales, in the second round of a cruiserweight contest.

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Micky Thompson, Lowestoft, defeated Keith Weston, Wisbech, in the Western Area Welterweight Championship, the contest ending in the seventh session, when the referee intervened.

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Frank Tierny, 111, Glasgow, outpointed Jack McKenzie, Ireland, 112, over eight rounds at West Hartlepool.

Bert Saunders, 159, Kilbourn, outpointed Tommy O'Connor, 153, of Ireland, in the feature bout of eight rounds at Dagenham.

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Jim Clinton, Croy, Scottish and British Amateur Champion, made a good start in the Professional ranks when he knocked out Tommy Smith, of Edinburgh, in the second round at Kirkaldy.

Jim Kenny, Polmont, continued his K.O. victories by putting Joe Lynham, of Dundee, down for the full count in the fifth round. . . . Jackie Marshall, Glasgow, outpointed Darkie Sullivan, Derby, over eight rounds. . . . The chief bout between Jackie Bryce, of Glasgow, and Norman Tennant, of Dundee, ended in the third round, when Bryce retired with a fractured jaw.

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Ronnie Taylor, Horwich, one of the hardest hitters in the featherweight division, scored his tenth K.O. win in 19 starts, when he put the Welsh featherweight, Jackie Hughes, down for the full count in the eighth of a 10-round contest at Liverpool "Stadium."

Tom Bailey, Liverpool, 128, outpointed Mickey Malone, of Dundee, over eight rounds. . . . Al Hutt, Burma, knocked out George Sutton, Wales, in the sixth round. . . . Cyril Wills, Shrewsbury, outpointed Ned Thomas, of Bootle, over eight rounds.

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Jimmy Malloy, Liverpool, T.K.O.'ed Bobby Blair, Manchester, in the eighth of a ten-round contest when the referee intervened, at The Stadium, Liverpool.

Joe Curran, Liverpool, 112½, and Les Johnson, of Finsbury Park, 113¼, fought ten rounds to a draw. . . . Emmett Kenny, St. Helens, K.O.'ed Billy Kenrick, Widnes, in the first.

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Thrills galore at the Mile End Arena when Teddy Lee, 167½, of Clerkenwell, was forced to take some of the punishment that he had dealt out to many of his opponents, when he met Gordon Ashun 165, of Bootle, in the feature bout. He was put down in the first round for three counts. He showed plenty of gameness in the ensuing rounds until he was put down for the full count in the sixth by a right to the jaw.

Harry McMurdie, Edgware, and Benny Richards, Slough, were another pair of battlers that had the crowd on their toes with their hard hitting and gameness. It was the last round rally by McMurdie that gained for him the decision in a sixer.

Ernie Stapleton, 138, Wood Green, knocked out Ronnie Smith, 132½, Willenhall, in the first round. . . . Frank Peters, 145, Dagenham, knocked out Jackie Bresline, 147, Glasgow, in the third of an eigh-rounder.

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Chris Jenkins, the clever Stourbridge lightweight, knocked out Al Binney, Sheffield, in the seventh of an eight-round bout at West Bromwich.

Johnny "Darkie" Davies, Gillegar, defeated Bill Westwood, Birmingham, in the fifth round, when the referee intervened.

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Dick Turpin, 164½, of the fighting Turpins, outpointed Des Jones, 161, of Tredegar, over eight rounds, at Bedford. . . . Jimmy Gill, 113¼, the fighting jockey, of Nottingham, was disqualified in the first round of his bout with Haydn Jones, 112, of Tir-y-berth, for a low blow. . . . Frank Woodcock, 133¼, Nottingham, and Warren Kendall, 138¾, of Wales, drew in eight. . . . Jack Phillips, 149, Wales, defeated Jim Wellard, 150, Northampton, in eight. . . . Jackie Turpin, 126, Leamington, stopped Tommy Griffiths, 123½, Trelaw, in the second round. . . . Tommy Whittle, 113, Abertidwyr, outpointed Jackie McCall, 115½, Jarrow, in eight.

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Jackie Clayton, Blackpool, and Billy Hodgson, Lancaster, fought ten rounds to a draw at Morecambe. . . . Dick Miller, Blackpool, knocked out Johnny Turnbull, Lancaster, in the third. . . . Jacky Jones, Bolton, won a close decision from Ted Dexter, Bradford, in ten.

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Billy Biddles, Birmingham, 137, outpointed Ben Duffy, Jarrow, 130, in the main event of eight

pounds, at Reading. . . . Don Cockell, 164, Battersea, a cruiserweight, defeated Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, Norwich, 165, in six. . . . Ronnie Draper, 119, Southampton, defeated Micky Jones, Southend, 115¼, in eight.

Tommy Davies, middleweight champion of Wales, fought a ten-round draw with Trevor Burt, Ogmore Vale, at Bristol. . . . Herbie Smith, Gloucester, 142½, and Ric Sanders, Leicester, 144¼, fought a thrilling ten-round draw.

Dave Finn staged a local battle between Billy Hazelgrove, 112, and George Albrow, 115, of Brighton, over eight rounds, at Hove, which Hazelgrove won.

Eddie Cramer, 150½, Huyl, knocked out Terry O'Toole, 147, of Australia, in the sixth of an eight-rounder.

Johnny Best has staged bouts at the Liverpool Stadium for many years, but the fight between Jimmy Malloy, 142¾, Liverpool, and Bobby Blair, 146½, Manchester, who stood toe to toe for eight rounds throwing punches at each other before Blair weakened and the referee intervened, will go down as one of the fiercest battles ever witnessed at the stadium.

Joe Curran, 112½, Liverpool, and Les Johnson, 113¼, London, fought to a ten-round draw. . . . Emmett Kenny, 135, St. Helens, knocked out Billy Kenrick, 131, Widnes, in the first. . . . Jack Fairclough, 113, Preston, outpointed Dennis Sale, 113, Northwich, in six.

Stan Rowan, 119¼, Liverpool's contender for the British bantamweight title, gave a smart performance in stopping Alex Sinnaeve, 119½, of Belgium in the fifth of a scheduled ten-round contest, at New Brighton.

Frank Williams, Birkenhead, 127, defeated Jim McCann, Belfast, 126½, in the third round. . . . Norman Tennant, of Dundee, 114½, outpointed Eddie Douglas, Liverpool, 115, in a hard eight-round contest. . . . Ernie Omerod, of Liverpool, 120, defeated Ed Hughes, of Liverpool, in the fourth of an eight-rounder. . . . Sammy Sullivan, of Preston, son of the old-time middleweight, Battling Sullivan, will be heard from. Although only 16½ years of age his performance in stopping Brian McTigue, of Warrington, in the second round stamps him as a boy with a future.

Dick Turpin, Leamington, 159, outpointed Bert Sanders, Kilburn, 160, in the feature bout of eight rounds, at Stratford-on-Avon. . . . Jack Smith, Worcester, 192, defeated Harry Kaye, London, 174, in the fourth round. . . . Jackie Turpin, Leamington, 131, stopped Les Turner, Oxford, 132, in the fourth.

My sympathies go out to "smiling" Charlie Black, of Glasgow, who, after signing up Jackie Paterson to defend his world's flyweight title against Dado Marino, of Hawaii, at the large football ground at Hampden Park, was forced to postpone the show twice on account of the illness of the champ.

When the latest date was fixed all seemed serene, but what a blow for him and the fans and also the visitors from Hawaii when, at the weigh-in at 2 p.m. on the day of contest, it was announced that an hour previous "Wee" Jackie had collapsed in a nervous state and was taken to his bed, and could not go through with his title fight.

The doctor of the British Boxing Board of Control who had examined Paterson stated that the little Scot was suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Sam Ichinose, manager of Marino, claimed that he would claim the title on behalf of his fighter, but it was pointed out to him that a title could only be won "IN THE RING."

A champion COULD lose his title by coming overweight at the scales and in the ring, but MUST be WON in actual contest.

To save the show Promoter Black had arranged for Rinty Monaghan, the Irish challenger for the title, to stand by, and the latter consented to meet Marino at catch weights, over ten rounds. The report of that fight appears in the last issue of THE RING.

The B.B.B.C. stewards will meet to discuss the fly-weight title, and much depends on their doctor's report on the condition of Paterson, whether the title will be declared vacant. . . . I will let THE RING readers know the decision as soon as it is announced.

In the final eliminating contest for the right to meet Ernie Roderick for the British welterweight title, Gwyn Williams, of Wales, outpointed Ginger Stewart, of Hamilton, in a hard-hitting 15-round contest.

Charlie Kerr, Glasgow, outpointed Jimmy Webster, of West Ham, over eight rounds. . . . Norman Tennant, Dundee, knocked out Skeets Gallagher, Glasgow, in the first round. . . . Jim Kenny, Glasgow, and Jimmy Healy, Manchester, drew in six.

Ronnie Clayton, 125½, Blackpool, now matched to meet Al Phillips for the latter's Empire-European, besides the British, title at the featherweight limit, could not improve on his draw at Manchester against the Belgian Arthur Machtelinck, 125, and at the end of ten rounds at the Stadium Liverpool, the result was the same—a draw.

Peter Fallon, 139, Birkenhead, won on points over Warren Kendall, 137, of Wales, in eight. . . . Jimmy Moore, Birkenhead, outpointed Call Johnson, Jamaica, in eight. . . . Frank Tierney, Glasgow, won on a foul over Al Hutt of Burma, in the second round.

Dick Turpin, Leamington-Spa, 153, defeated Tommy Davies, Wales, 162, in the fifth of a ten-round contest when the latter was forced to retire with a damaged arm at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Gordon Ashun, Bootle, 146, was declared the winner over the clever Benny Price of Ammanford, 146, when the latter was forced to retire with a very bad eye in the seventh of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Emmett Kenny, St. Helens, stopped Tommy Jones, Llanslly, in the sixth round when the referee intervened to save a game lad from unnecessary punishment. Jackie Turpin of the Turpin family was ruled out in the fourth round of his contest with Terry Riley, Liverpool, for alleged butting. Frank Johnson, Manchester, outclassed Paddy Burke, Warrington, for two rounds before the towel was thrown in the ring.

Johnny Boom, Stratford, 120, scored a K.O. win over Jeff Smith of Wellingborough, 116½, in the fourth of eight rounds at the Mile End Arena, when Smith failed to get into the ring after being knocked through the ropes by a hard right to the jaw.

Tommy Brown, the Hackney heavyweight, 209, was disqualified in the fourth round for throwing his opponent, Matt Hardy, Doncaster, 187, after both men had taken several counts. Jackie Lucraft, Islington, 127, won over Les Braybrook, Notting Hill, 123, in the third round when the latter was ruled out for hitting his opponent when he was down. Alf Marsh, Stepney, outpointed Tommy Shilton, Andover, over six hard-hitting rounds of a welterweight contest.

Norman Tennant, the pint-size flyweight from Dundee, gained a points decision over Alf Hughes, West Hartlepool, in the chief bout at Aberdeen.

Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, and Charlie Kerr of Glasgow battled eight rounds to a draw. Jimmy Stewart, Edinburgh, knocked out Jimmy Thompson, Nottingham, in the second round of a bantamweight contest. Chris Dillion, Scrington, won by a narrow margin on points over Roy McGregor, Glasgow, in eight rounds.

There was an unfortunate ending to the contest between Ron Draper, Southampton, 118, and Mickey Jones, Southend, 118, at Southampton. In the eighth and last round of a ding-dong battle, Draper rushed Jones to the ropes and both went through to the ground and Draper managed to get back into the ring before the fatal ten was counted. Jones, who had hurt his back in falling, was counted out.

Jimmy Smith, Cardiff, 145, outpointed Chris Adcock, Rochdale, 146, over ten rounds. Bob Foster, Covent Garden, 140, defeated Ron Jones, Cowes, 145, in the seventh of an eight-round bout.

At the Kings Hall, Belfast, Kid Tanner, British Guiana, 122, won easily on points over Sean Phillips, Dublin, 124, in eight rounds.

Cliff Curvis, the young Swansea lightweight, 136, won over Paddy Dowdall, Dublin, 137½, in an eight-round contest. Eddie McCullough, Belfast, 118¼, gained a narrow points win over Tsuneshi Maruo of Honolulu, 119½, after eight rounds. Tommy Armour, Belfast, 151, defeated Willie Whyte, Glasgow, 148½, by a K.O. in the third.

Johnny Best staged a scratch show at the Stadium, Liverpool, when his open-air lightweight championship show was cancelled.

Ric Sanders, the Leicester southpaw, gained a points win over the hard-hitting Liverpool welterweight, Jimmy Molloy, over ten rounds. Bert Hornby, Bolton, gained a points win over Johnny Russell, Covent Garden, in a ten-round lightweight contest. Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, defeated Syd Worgan, Wales, in the fifth of a ten-round contest when the latter retired.

## NEWS FROM THE CENTURY A. C. IN BALTIMORE

By DAVID KESSLER

THE CENTURY A.C. brought together two good club fighters in free swinging Georgie Kochan of Akron, Ohio, 175, and Johnny Deacon Brown of Baltimore, 178. It was a hard, grueling fight as Kochan moved in close and battered Brown to body and face. Brown could not cope with Kochan's style of fighting but managed to land occasional hard rights to the head in the early rounds. Kochan piled up a commanding lead in the early rounds and cut Brown's eye in the third. It was a different story from the eighth to the tenth as Brown began to connect with hard rights to the jaw. As the bell rang ending the fight Kochan was reeling on the ropes.

In the eight round semi-windup, Frank Lacy, local middleweight, won a unanimous decision over rugged Frank Sweeny of Washington.

In the four rounders Harry Parisi knocked out Salty Parker in two minutes of the 3rd round.

Nelson Barnes defeated Clifton Martin in a unanimous decision.

Walter Demines defeated Jimmy Brady in the opener.

The Century A.C. brought to Baltimore one of the best fights in the country between Archie Moore, third ranking light-heavyweight, and Bert Lytell, third ranking middleweight. It was a close fight up until the sixth round as Lytell boxed and jabbed to offset Moore's hard hitting. In the last three rounds Moore finished strong to get a unanimous decision.

In the six rounders: Walter Rowan, 147, of Washington, pounded out a unanimous decision over Melvin Wade, 146, of Baltimore.

Billy Lewis ran his knockout string to five as he kayoed Charley Marshall in 2:10 of the second round. Both of these fighters are local middleweights.

In the four rounders: Jimmy Zaicko, 132, of Baltimore, knocked out Ronnie Gray, 130, of Annapolis, in one minute of the third round.

Bucky Welsh knocked out Willie Belt in one minute of the second round. Both are local featherweights.

In the opening four, Bob Pemerlane defeated Curtis Cotton.

## LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

JACKIE LOVATT, "The Rhody Rocket," skyrocketed to the greatest heights of his eight-month fistic career by upsetting the favorite and more experienced Joey Angelo.

Jackie Weber, New England lightweight champ, was dropped from the unbeaten list when upset by Joey Angelo.

"Jolting" Jimmy Ruzzo will shortly make a comeback. Ruzzo scored twenty-two knockouts before retiring.

Nat Bor, former Fall River star, returned to the boxing game to manage promising Dave Sousa, New Bedford middleweight.

Ralph Zannelli, veteran of fifteen years, is gathering a stable of fighters. Ernie Guisti may be his first meal ticket.

Results of the month: Pierce Stadium—Jackie Lovatt, 140¼, Providence, beat Ernie Guisti, 140½, Natick, in ten. Benny Delgado, 143½, Providence, beat Terry O'Toole, 140, Boston, in eight. Tony Arujo, 144½, Providence, beat Johnny Coe, 142½, in six. Jerry King, 133½, Providence, beat Tony Ducharme, 133¾, Montreal, in six. Freddie Pratt, 165¾, Providence, beat Rocky Mello, 174¼, Providence, in four. Joey Angelo, 134¼, Providence, beat Jackie Weber, 135, Pawtucket, in ten. Bunky Wall, 166, New Haven, beat Carmine Lato, 160, Providence, in eight. Barry Wood, 130¾, Worcester, stopped Al Lewis, 126, Boston, in two. Billy Sutton, 135¼, stopped Pinky Bolduc, 139½, Lynn, in three. Freddie Pratt, 164½, Providence, K.O.'ed George Price, 161¼, Concord, in one. Jackie Lovatt, 142, Providence, beat Joey Angelo, 135½, Providence, in ten. Benny Colardo, 144½, Providence, K.O.'ed Joey Polowitzer, 137¾, Windsor, Conn., in three. Tiger Flowers, 149, Worcester, beat Ike Stevenson, 156, Framingham, in four on a disqualification.

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## FROM PHILIPPINE RINGS
By FELIPE J. C. GALANGE

BOY BROOKS, triple champion of the Philippines, proved his claim as one of the best fighters ever produced here when he decisively out-boxed Young Frisco, rugged Filipino battler from Australia, in 10 rounds. Brooks outpunched his heavier opponent in an easy fashion to annex the light-heavyweight championship of the Philippines. The show was the initial offering of Narcing Sangle for the Quezon Memorial Fund Drive.

Frisco outweighed Brooks by 14 pounds. The champ went through the ropes at 150. The Pasay Negro battler failed to knock out his heavier opponent when he broke his left hand in the third round. Frisco was an easy target for his right but failed to land the haymaker. Referee Luis Logan gave the decision to Brooks and a gold belt donated by Secretary Jose C. Zulueta of the Department of the Interior, was awarded by Carlos Padilla.

Gon Ladrazo, 114 pounder, upset the dope of Bob Saunder's pride, Saar Naven, in 10 rounds. Naven had taken a bad beating from his lighter opponent, who landed his blows at will. Only Naven's gameness saved him from the canvas. A jolting left to the nose started the claret and a right cross cut his face. He had one eye closed and the other puffed but Naven weathered the storm to the last minute.

Small Quintin and Kid Bascones, both featherweights, fought toe-to-toe in the last three rounds of their 10 round bout. Bascones copped the first five rounds and two were even but Quintin outpunched the Kid in the last three that convinced the third man to give him the decision, much to the dissatisfaction of the audience.

Strong Ravalo won the battle royal by five boxers. The participants were: Jackie Espinosa, Young Talisay, Strong May, Fighting 69, and Strong Ravalo. Fighting 69 and Strong Ravalo were the finalists. They slugged for one round with Ravalo having the edge. Bataan Larry Jr. stopped Candido Calesa in the second canto of four. Fighting Serafin decisioned Tony Villa in another four rounder. Little Bascones outscored Little Brown in the opener.

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Kid Vicente, former welterweight champion, defeated Battling Sima, Filipino fighter, who just arrived from Australia in a slow 10 rounder on the first benefit card of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society under the management of Luis Logan, former triple champion of the Orient. Vicente outpointed his foe without difficulty, but the crowd booed him for his failure to knock his man out despite a series of wild swings that could not find their mark. A right to the jaw downed Sima for four counts and had him on queer street on several occasions but Vicente could not land the finishing touches.

Promoter-Referee Logan gave the decision to Rustico Orquita over Bonnie Espinosa in 10 rounds. The boys were evenly matched and often times had the crowd on their feet when they slugged freely in the middle of the ring. Orquita's aggressiveness was responsible for his getting the referee's nod.

Baby Jackson revenged his defeat when he outscored Tim Ramos in six. This bout proved to be a give and take affair from the start to the last minute. Tannery Boy and Roy Jr. were thrown out of the ring for putting on a questionable exhibition which did not convince Referee Al Kessel. Tannery did a swan dive in the second stanza after receiving a slap on the left ear.

Clever John, another Pampanga wildcat stopped Nick Villa, Pete Hernandez' protege, in three rounds. Dominion Boy decisioned Mar Cruz in a four rounder. Small Paras and Kid Cebu fought on even terms in another four rounder.

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Tirso del Rosario, sharp-punching Tondo scrapper, won the undisputed featherweight championship of the Philippines when he knocked out King Tut, Gaguio fighter, in the second round of a scheduled 10 round championship bout of Far Eastern Boxing Promotions under the management of the Makaraeg-Rivera-Caliwag partnership.

At the opening bell both fighters tried hard for an opening. Tirso received the first jab of the evening and the round ended while Tut was encircling Tirso in the middle of the ring. The Tondo fighter was forced to do the leading in the second round. Tirso's right cross found its mark; then followed with a series of rights and lefts to the jaw that downed the King for a nine-count. Tut did his best to save the day by clinching but Tirso fought his way out and delivered his finishing touches with left and right to the jaw dropping Tut for a full count.

The 10,000 crowd was in an uproar when Referee Totoy Reyes awarded a draw decision between Little Dundee and Cunning Tony in 10 rounds. Tony was always on the receiving end of Dundee's two fisted attack. Tony lasted the limit only because of his gameness.

Young Beny, Cavite slugger, decisioned Mike Dempsey after four furious rounds. Dempsey's swings could not find their mark for the whole night. Beny was too elusive for Mike. Pancho Villa Jr. made a surprise comeback when he forced Little Terry, a veteran fighter, to quit in the third round of their four rounder.

Referee Rodriguez was booed when he declared the Tino Arespe-Little Murillo bout a draw. Arespe appeared to be badly outpointed throughout the four round affair. Young Mortell, another Pampanga battler, stopped Mann Portillo in the third canto of their four round argument. Ric Navallasca drew with Baby Angeles in four.

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Baby Baltazar, former lightweight champion of the Philippines, earned a good decision when he outboxed his heavier opponent, Clever Ciano, in 10 rounds. Florante Villegas promoted the benefit card for the Department of Health and Public Welfare.

Substituting for Frankie Celso on a day's notice, Baltazar gave away 12 pounds and surprised the boxing experts by outpointing Ciano. Referee Little Dado, former flyweight champion, and one of the judges, gave the decision to Baltazar by a slight margin. Judge Arcellana voted for Ciano. Baby had Ciano on queer street in the sixth round but failed to land the haymaker.

Dommy Reyes, ex-flyweight champion, stopped Willie Brown, reputed to be Cebu's flyweight title holder, in the eighth of a scheduled 10 rounder. Dommy could not land a solid punch until the eighth when a right uppercut to the midsection did the trick. Tim Ramos outpointed Little Jim in six rounds. Ramos tried for a knockout but Jim weathered the storm to last the limit. Dommy Cruz of Malabon handed Nick Villa, another featherweight, the sleeping potion in the fourth round. Cruz dropped Villa four times before Nick took the final count.

Terrible Polding was too strong for Strong Santos and he knocked out the latter in the fourth. Jess Osit, another Cuyugan fighting kid, stopped Little Doming in the third. Ben Johnson and Small Williams fought on even terms for four rounds. Baguio Bey and Little Brown drew after four rounds of a give-and-take.

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Speed Cabanella, 127, hardhitting Filipino, who just returned from the States, copped the unanimous decision over Star Bringuela, 129, lightweight champion, in a dull 10 round non-titular bout.

The lightweight champion was very careful about Cahanella's murderous two-fisted attack and the public booed him repeatedly for his retreating Bringuela had the advantage in weight, height and reach, Cahanella tried for an early knockout but found Bringuela too elusive for his left. Speed won all the rounds. He succeeded in cornering Bringuela in the 10th but the lightweight champion made good use of the ropes to weather the storm.

Gon Ladrazo, 115, proved to be the best contender for the bantamweight crown by outpointing Kid Independence in 10. Ladrazo was too fast for his heavier and stronger opponent and with his jabs and left swings reduced Independence's right optic to a mere slit. Small Quintin won on a foul in the seventh in his bout with Little Nene in the sixth. A left and right below the belt dropped Quintin who refused to quit and even begged the referee to release him from his corner, but the third man gave him ample time to rest for the rest of the round. At the start of the seventh Quintin approached Nene with murder in his eyes and just after an exchange of punches in the middle of the ring Nene landed another left below the foul line. Referee Paras stopped the fight and raised the hand of Quintin in token of victory.

Joe Jomawas, Cebu's new flyweight sensation, outpointed Tan Boy in his first appearance in the local arena, but Referee Del Corro declared it a draw. Bataan's Larry Jr. gave veteran Gon Querubin a good boxing lesson in six rounds. Strong Ravalo decisioned Young Manalac in another six rounder. Clever Sosoy and Ben Johnson drew in four.

Dommy Reyes badly outpointed Little Ibanez over eight rounds of the main event in Binang Stadium. The bout was fast and furious. Tannery Boy drew with Tim Ramos in a six rounder. Gon Ladrazo and Bataan's Larry Jr. were the headliners at Malabon. Ladrazo won but had a hard time in earning the decision.

## EIRE NEWS
By FINBAR BARRY

AS expected Bunty Doran proved too good for Joe "Boy" Collins in the All-Ireland bantamweight championship bout winning on a knock-out in 2:29. It was a fierce battle while it lasted, both boys throwing caution to the winds. Doran, with perfect precision, connected with a right to the jaw and floored Collins for the fatal 10.

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Con Caffrey, Dublin, knocked out George Stubbs, of South Shields, in the second of a slated eight rounder.

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Jimmy Smith, of Tipperary, was well ahead on points, in his fight with ex-British Featherweight Champion Bernard Pugh, when the referee stopped the bout in the seventh because Smith's eye was too badly damaged to permit the contest to continue.

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In their reports of the Jimmy Ingle-Jack Johnson battle (in which the former was kayoed), the majority of British papers erroneously stated that Jimmy was the Erie middleweight king. Actually, Spike McCormack is still the holder.

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Jack Lenihan, rugged Cork 160 pound scrapper, tells me he has almost completely recovered from his recent accident and hopes to wage battle in his own inimitable style soon.

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Jackie McGouran and Eddie Magee boxed a draw; Freddie Webb decisioned Nick Weldridge; Joe "Boy" Collins knocked out Jim Thompson in the fourth heat.

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It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of Mr. John J. O'Connor, father of Pat O'Connor, who is currently invading the U.S.A. The late John J. O'Connor was a great all-round sportsman.

Inquiries re Irish boxing should be addressed to this writer at: 2 Buxton Terrace, Sunday's Well, Cork, Eire.

## FROM WINDSOR, ONT.
By JACK WAINA

FISTIC fans throughout Windsor were stunned at the news of the death of Elmer (Slim) McClelland, noted referee. McClelland had been ill since the summer of 1945 and his death was due to cancer.

Slim was in the ring as the third man during three title bouts: Sammy Mandell's successful defense of his lightweight title against Phil McGraw on July 16, 1927; McClelland called a foul on Joe Dundee, thereby enabling welter honors to pass on to Jackie Fields on July 25, 1929; last Slim hailed Jack Thompson winner over defending titleholder Fields.

Slim was known as having stated that there was no such thing as a draw, with the exception of a preliminary bout.

When he was called upon to select the best fighter for whom he refereed, Slim picked Mickey Walker and Buddy Taylor as tops.

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Browsing Around—Danny Jefferies of Birmingham, England, completed a tour of Canada and will make his first U. S. start shortly. . . . Rocco Rossano, crack Brooklyn welter, made short work of Patsy Brandino, veteran Hamilton pugilist, by knocking him out in the second round at the Queensboro Arena in New York. . . . Jack Singer, London middleweight, would do well to hang up his gloves after being iced by Hal Vinson in one round, Charley Watkins in two, Irish Bobby Burns in two and George Sherman in one. . . . St. Catharine's fans look for big things from Bill Daly's prospect, Wilfred Pruden. . . . This scribe would like to hear from Ontario promoters in order to carry results of their shows in this column. . . . Also fighters and their managers are welcome to send in dope. . . . The address remains 8791 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan.

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## NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
**By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX**

JOSE (Baby) Gonzales, Gus Wilson's smart Mexico City featherweight, proved that he is entitled to a crack at Champion Willie Pep. Jock Leslie, Miguel Acevedo and Charley Riley by the one-sided trouncing he dealt out to Phil Terranova, New York, former NBA featherweight champion. Gonzales was awarded the unanimous ten-round decision over Terranova at Pelican Stadium ball park on July 28. Referee Ashton Donza, Judges Bill Kirchem and Pete Giarusa voted for Gus Wilson's hot tamale. Gus flew here from Los Angeles, Cal., to be chief second in the important Terranova fight.

This writer scored ten rounds for Gonzales. The uncanny Mexican made Terranova miss repeatedly. Gonzales surprised local fans and boxing writers by banging Terranova at will in the clinches. Terranova, a strong and tough infighter, was made to back up by Gonzales, who staggered Phil in the three final rounds.

Promoter Louis Messina landed the natural featherweight match which lured 4891 paid spectators for a net gate of $7500.60 to the home of the Pelican ball club.

Louis Rousse, now under new management in Harry Frisch, who bought his contract a few days previous to the bout, substituted for Pat Donahue against Charley Jerome, Memphis, Tenn., in a six rounder. Rousse scored a three-round technical kayo when Referee Ashton Donza halted the one-sided contest. Keith Hamilton scored a fiive-round technical kayo over Jimmy Inopia, Oklahoma City, in another six spot.

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Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Tex., lightweight, proved a punching bag for Jose (Baby) Gonzales, Mexico City featherweight title contender, in the feature ten-round bout at Pelican Stadium, July 18. Promoter Louis Messina staged the Bertolino-Gonzales fight. Gonzales earned the Phil Terranova match by his one-sided win.

Gonzales had Bertolino down four times for nine counts.

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Bonnie Geigerman and Otis Guichet, co-managers of the Docusen brothers, Bernard and Maxie, showed two newcomers on the card in Chico Rivera and Andres Balderas from Mexico City. Chief Gordon House, Houston, Tex., decisioned Rivera in a sizzling six-rounder, and Dick Borja won a six-round verdict over Andres Balderas in another stormy battle.

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Bernard and Maxie Docusen were banqueted at the historic Tujague's restaurant in the heart of the French Market, July 26. Otie Guichet and Bonnie Geigerman, co-managers of the famous Filipino brothers, tossed the big spread.

Pete Herman, former twice bantamweight champion, was a speaker and guest. Herman lauded the fighting Docusens, predicting that both are title timber. Pete Baird, clever columnist of the *Times Picayuné;* Art Burke, ace sports writer for Harry Martinez of the *Daily States;* Fred Digby, sports editor of the New Orleans *Item;* Lew Raymond, nationally known promoter and matchmaker; Phil Terranova, New York featherweight, and Manager Bobby Gleason; Gus Wilson, manager of Jose (Baby) Gonzales; Promoter Louis Messina and this correspondent were guests.

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Fistic shorts . . . Promoter Louis Messina is the proud father of a nine-pound boy born July 26. His name is Louis Anthony Messina. Messina has two girls and two boys. Lew Raymond is no longer connected with professional wrestling. Raymond's partner, Cliff Majoue, sold out to Jim Murtagh, who is the new promoter. Brother Kron has replaced Tony Foto as manager of Jerome Conforto's 213 Canal Street gymnasium. The Conforto gymnasium turns out winners consistently in main events. Jose (Baby) Gonzales trained there for his wins over Phil Terranova and Eddie Bertolino. Cosby Linson, who trains at Conforto's has won five straight fights this year. This writer is interested in green young white hopes. Contact me at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La. Jack Haley, Kansas City, Mo., featherweight, who has scored 12 knockouts in 14 starts, seeks a Jock Leslie match here. Haley won 20 fights in the Army. Tom McHuge, Kansas City, Mo., promoter, is a great booster of Haley's. Promoter Louis Messina plans on using Haley here soon.

## FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
**By JOE FRENCH**

BOXING fans in this district were treated to a pair of all action shows during the past month, the first card being staged at nearby New Albany, Ind., where Dutch Reese is at the matchmaker's post, while another good fistic bill was offered in Louisville by Walter Buckrop of the Sportsman's A. C.

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At New Albany, Ind., before a sell out crowd, Sid Peaks, belting Negro heavyweight, who stands out as the best prospect among the big boys in this territory, was featured in the main event for ten rounds. Peaks made quick work of his assignment by belting out his opponent, Bull Becton, veteran Louisville Negro puncher, in the very first round with a barrage of powerful blows.

Louisville fans turned out in strong numbers to get a second view of "Bombing" Charlie Elliott, local welterweight recently returned from Florida rings. Elliott defeated veteran Gene Spencer in his first local start, and this time faced another seasoned glove artist in Tommy Mills of New York, who has tangled with some of the best welters in the game. At the end of ten rounds of a fast moving contest, Elliott was voted the winner.

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This district has long been in need of local attractions, and at last some mitt tossers from Louisville and vicinity have come to the front and appear to have the necessaary qualifications to fill the bill. Among the established main eventers here is Charlie Elliott, young welter belter managed by Sam Sobel. Elliott started his early career in the amateurs here, later saw service in the Marines during the war and continued his efforts in the squared circle while a leatherneck. Elliott made his debut in the paid class down in Florida and ran up a string of wins. In two Louisville starts, both ten rounders, Charley scored over Gene Spencer of Chicago and Tommy Mills of New York.

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Among the big boys who have joined the parade of local fistic prospects is Big Sid Peaks, powerful punching Negro heavy from nearby Charlestown, Ind. Peaks won the Golden Gloves here, then turned pro in Indianapolis and Chicago, where he was an instant hit. Peaks lost a few fights early in his pro career to seasoned fighters, but now seems to be a greatly improved heavyweight. He is on a win streak which includes victories over James Anderson, Charley Riggs, Charley Lester, and the latest at this writing, a first round K.O. over Bull Becton, who formerly operated as Roberto Solomito in Chicago.

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SIGNING OFF NOTES—Manager Charley Jones of Louisville has a nifty Negro lightweight performer in Jimmy Robinson, who is coming to the front at a fast pace, both in local rings and around Ohio. . . . This writer had the pleasure of meeting Anthony Coppi, Indianapolis RING correspondent, who was a visitor in this section during the past month. . . . Bob Jackson, former Kentucky Golden Gloves champion, who later boxed in the armed forces, plans to join the pro class here in the light-heavy division. . . . Cecil Powell, former welterweight boxer, is now a promoter running pro shows at Frankfort, Ky. (Note to Cecil Powell: Please send your fight results for coverage in this column. Thanks very much.) . . . 1947 Golden Gloves and A.A.U. champions who are unattached and desire to get going in the pro class have a good opportunity around this district. . . . Those interested send records, photos and clippings to this writer at 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

## IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
**With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion**

IN the first boxing show of the month, Eddie O'Neill, 152, of Detroit, jabbed his way to a clear-cut decision over Cecil Hudson, 153, Milwaukee, in a ten-round bout that was loaded with action. The best punch of the fight was a right to the jaw by O'Neill, in the first round, that staggered Hudson. Hudson, generally effective on the inside, was smothered by O'Neill. Hudson lacked the fire of former bouts here and did not seem able to get going until the seventh round, which he carried by a wide margin.

In the other half of the double windup Jack Darthard, 154½, Kansas City, Mo., showed plenty of promise, with a T.K.O. over Eddie Miller, 153½, Dayton, O., in seven rounds.

Other bouts were, Eddie Brant, 136¼, Dayton, decisioned Eddie Carr, 136, Kansas City, six; Jim Burke, 157½, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Dave Millar, 155½, Detroit, 2:20, round three; Cliff Williams, 150½, Chicago, K.O.'ed Tiger Tyson, 144½, Detroit, 1:40, round one.

The gross gate was $10,150.

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A mismatch that went too long was between tall Jim Burke and short Dave Millar. Millar was floored three times before being knocked out. He was carried from the ring and taken to the hospital, where he stayed over night, being released with an "O.K." in the morning.

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In a scheduled ten-round fight at the Auditorium, which started out to be a terrific punching contest, ended in one round, when William Johnson's back was injured in a fall out of the ring in the Auditorium floor, and was unable to defend himself against the murderous attack of Jerome Frazier, 153½, of New York. On the fifth trip down, Johnson was counted out in 2:55.

Afterward, commission Dr. John Featherston, taped Johnson's back and X-ray's showed a fractured rib. Early in the round the Chicagoan buckled Frazier's knees with powerful rights to the jaw. Here are the results:

Jerome Frazier, 153¾, New York, knocked out William Johnson, 155, Chicago, 2:55 of first round. Referee Dauber Jaeger.

Tim Dalton, 137, Chicago, defeated Cappy Benton, 131½, Cincinnati, Ohio, eight eight. Referee, Earl Olson.

Marion Rhoten, 131¾, Milwaukee, knocked out Johnny Goode, 132, Cincinnati, 1:20 of third round. Referee, Olson.

Pat Murphy, 132¼, Racine, beat Pete D'Amico, 128¼, West Allis, four. Referee, Jaeger.

Tommy Varsos, 155¾, Milwaukee, defeated John Bazal, 159½, Racine, four. Referee, Jaeger.

Frank Merriweather, 143½, Milwaukee, T.K.O. over Lem Olson, 138¾, West Allis, 2:25 of second round. Referee, Olson.

Judges, Owen Murphy and Gilbert Jackson. Timekeeper, John Eisenmann. Knockdown counter, B. B. Busby. Examining physician, Dr. John Fetherston.

The gross gate was $5900.

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It rained headaches for Matchmaker Al Fain of the Wisconsin Boxing Club last month. A local natural, good for a $15,000 gate, between Charley Parham and William Johnson on July 14, was ruled out by the boxing commission because Parham required an operation on an eye. Parham will be out for four months. Fain switched to July 24, with Juste Fontaine and Nick Castiglione. Fontaine was injured in the George Larover fight, so Fain had to make a fast pitch, landing William Johnson and Jerome Frazier. It was a good pitch, Frazier had knocked out Jimmy Sherrer a week before in Chicago and Johnson did the same to Parham a month before.

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The boxing commission pulled a boner—subpoenaed the books of the boxing clubs—want to know how they spend their money. The presidents of the four clubs, Dave Beznor, George Frank, Billy Mitchell and Morrie Zenoff, got together and dragged the commission to court with a restraining order. The date set for the hearing was July 14. The clubs won the first round when the attorney-general's office asked for a postponement of two weeks. Tongues wagging and viscious rumors, which were 100 percent wrong, started by the publicity, did boxing no good. A bit of anger here and a bit of hate there, encouraged by the desire for revenge, has destroyed bigger business than boxing. Hitler found that out.

## ARKANSAS FLASHES
**By CLYDE SMITH**

LITTLE ROCK—Ragon Kinney, 184, of Hartman, Ark., decisioned Oscar Buchanan, 201, of Memphis in 10 rounds.

Charlie Gore, 176, Paris, Ark., won by technical knockout in the fourth round over Gould Nix, 171, Bauxite, Ark.

Troy Gray, 152, England, Ark., defeated Frank Smith, 154, Memphis, by a T.K.O. in four rounds.

Charlie Jerome, 174, Memphis, decisioned Farmer Kilroy, 172, Humphrey, Ark., in four rounds.

Sanford Barron, 135, Memphis, decisioned Billy Monroe, 135, West Plains, Mo., in four.

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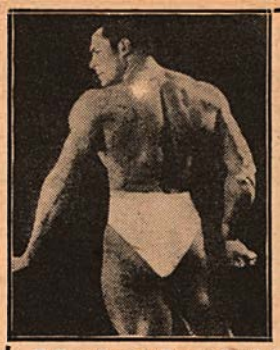
Clarksville, Ark.—Ragon Kinney, 184, knocked out Tommy Charles, 180, Ft. Wayne, Ind., in the ninth round.

Neal Kinney, 179, brother of Ragon, knocked out Al Small, 186, of Chicago, also in the ninth round.

In scheduled six-round preliminaries, Charles Core, 175, Springdale, Ark., knocked out Woody Green, 172, of Ft. Wayne, and Troy Gray, 152, decisioned Buddy Jones, 152, Ft. Wayne.

The show, promoted by the Kinney's brother, Burley, drew 3000 fans.

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## "FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—Brisbane featherweight, Dave Landers, 129, put himself on the feather-weight map in this country when he knocked out New South Wales featherweight champion, Ted Sprouster, 126, in the third round of their Brisbane bout. Sprouster, a clever boxer, had won the first two rounds easily when Landers used his big reach advantage to cut the fight short. He hit Sprouster with a left hook and right cross to stop Sprouster for the night.

Melbourne fans sat through a stirring battle when Mickey Carr, 120½, after being flat on his back for a count of line in the seventh round, got up and won on points from Dave Robinson, 118¼, over 12 rounds. Carr scored the winning margin with his straight left.

An unusual ending had Sydney Stadium fans open-mouthed when Roy Treasure, 133, was given a technical knock-out victory over Les Fuller, 136½, in the fifth round. Fuller staggered back on the ropes, as though he had been fouled. Referee Joe Wallis saw that he could not or would not continue to fight. Later the Stadium medical officer said after an inspection of Fuller that he showed signs of having been hit low. These boys have had three fights, with Treasure winning two and Fuller one.

There was no fight at Newcastle Stadium which shut down through difficulties in securing boxers, owing to a dispute between rival associations of boxers and managers. Most of the leading trainers in New South Wales are members of a newly formed Boxers and Managers Guild, but some are under a rival banner, the N.S.W. Boxers and Wrestlers Association. Newcastle is to close down on fights until the two groups end their dog-fight. Meanwhile Newcastle Stadium will persist with wrestling matches instead of boxing. The situation verges on the political since both groups are placing their views before responsible Government ministers in the State Legislature. Trade Unions are particularly interested as the Boxers and Wrestlers Association has close trade union friendship.

At Leichhardt Stadium, Alec Buxton, 159¾, showed a return to form unconvincingly beating Tommy Ward, 152, over 12 two minute rounds. Buxton hit hard, with left hooks and right crosses.

Wrestling matches: Brisbane: Dutch Hefner, 240, beat Billy Hansen, 228, two falls to one in the sixth; Melbourne: Mayes McLain, 249, beat Tommy O'Toole, 245, two falls to one; Sydney: Sammy Stein, 223, beat Chief Little Wolf, 240, two falls to nil. (The Chief was banned for life from Sydney Stadium for pushing the Stadium manager, Harry Miller, from the ring apron over a row of seats onto his head.) Leichhardt (Sydney) Dutch Hefner, 240, beat Tom Rice, 231, two falls to one. Adelaide: Billy Hansen, 229, beat Tommy O'Toole, 239, one fall to nil, when O'Toole was disqualified in the sixth.

Sydney welterweight, Ken Bailey, 141¾, hung another scalp to his belt when he T.K.O.'ed Victorian Len Arthur, 143¾, in the eighth round in Sydney. Bailey was in a class above Arthur, who showed gameness in going eight rounds before the referee called a halt to the slaughter. Bailey is a brilliant boxer, one of the best to come to light in this country since before the war. He kept up a non-stop attack against Arthur, hammering him with punches that came from every angle.

In Melbourne, Archie Kemp, 133¼, outpointed Jimmy Hill, 134¼. Hill did well in the first couple of rounds but Kemp, the aggressor, punched too fast and cleanly for him from then on. With left hooks, and rips, Kemp allied a solid straight left.

In his best exhibition yet in the Melbourne ring, Jimmy McDonald, 134¾, decisioned Leo Berry, 134¾. McDonald's left jab had the claret pouring from Berry's beak in the seventh. Berry went wildly after the elusive McDonald, who skipped out of harm's way and then bored in battling.

These four Melbourne boys, who are not yet top-liners, shared a 4,000 dollar gate between them.

Tommy Trottman, 145, had Joe Grant, 146, down twice in the final round of their 12 round clash at Adelaide, but Grant lasted through to lose on points to Trottman.

Experience lay too much on the side of Lisle Law, 148, who easily beat Merv Smith, 145¾, in Brisbane. Smith had his eyes surrounded with cuts as a result of Law's long armed right and left jabs.

Also in Brisbane, Kev Delaney, 148, outpointed Kev Turner, 140, giving him an excellent lesson in the art of punching straight.

At Leichhardt (Sydney), Jackie Wilson, 131, drew with Ray Coleman, 125. In Newcastle, Red Lobley, 134, stopped Mickey Walker, 138, in the eighth.

Wrestling—Brisbane: Dutch Hefner, 240, beat Tommy O'Toole, 241, two falls to one in the sixth; Melbourne: Chief Little Wolf, 240, beat Billy Hansen, 228, two falls to one; Sydney: Dutch Hefner, 240, drew with Mayes McLain, 245, one fall each; Adelaide: Mayes McLain, 245, beat Chief Little Wolf, 240, two falls to one in the sixth; Leichhardt (Sydney): Tommy O'Toole, 240, beat Jack Knight, 228, two falls to one.

Sydney's 20-year-old welterweight, Ken Bailey, 141¾, confirmed the critics' raves, when he won every round of his 12 mill bout with Cuban Orestes Diago, 141¾. The Sydney Stadium had 10,000 fans.

Diago, a powerful hitter with left hooks and right uppercuts and swings, was dangerous to the end, but he hit Bailey only one blow to the eight or ten Bailey hit him. Diago did not have the staying power of the youth, and tired over the last three rounds.

Bailey is of the Jem Mace classic style, cleverness being his most evident characteristic. His speed is dazzling to his opponents, who get mighty tired of taking his gloves in their face from all sorts of annoying angles. Bailey is not the type who stretches his opponents out cold, but he makes them wish that he would. Most of them take far more punishment in losing on points to Bailey than they would if some knock-out merchant laid them low in a round or two.

Diago came out from his corner round after round with a tempestuous surge of blows, but Bailey took most of them on his arms and gloves and ended up tieing the Cuban in knots of classy rapid-fire punching.

In Melbourne, Jack Marr, 171¼, stopped Cec Hodges, 174¼, in eleven rounds. Hodges had a cut eyebrow, and was miles behind in points. The referee used commendable discretion in stopping it in Marr's favor. Hodges landed some good hard rights to the jaw, but did not possess the speed and cleverness necessary to handle Marr.

At Leichhardt (Sydney), Ken Hatcher, 117½, stopped Billy Williams, 116, in seven rounds. Williams claimed he was hit on the back of the neck, but the referee said he complained too much and turned his head away in such a manner that legitimate right hand punches hit him on the neck.

At Brisbane, Ellie Bennett, 117, successfully defended his Queensland State bantamweight title, when he knocked out Val Newman, 115¾, in ten heats of their scheduled 15 round bout. Bennett was too strong a puncher and administered the coup de grace with a smashing right to the jaw. Newman had a big lead in points when he was felled. Straight lefts were Newman's best weapon.

At Melbourne, Alfie Sands, 141¼, continued to impress by knocking out Johnny Shaw, 137¾, in four rounds. Alfie, a younger brother of the Australian middleweight and light-heavyweight champion, Dave Sands, is after his brother's style, a pile-driving smasher with the right hand. Shaw was Sands' master in boxing, but could not absorb the torrid beating that Alfie served up to him. Shaw was on the canvas in rounds one and four. He made Sands look like a greenhorn, until Alfie managed to connect with Shaw's jaw.

Wrestling matches at Brisbane: Chief Little Wolf, 240, drew with Dutch Hefner, 240, one fall each; at Melbourne: Sammy Stein, 222, beat Dutch Hefner, 231, two falls to one; at Sydney: Laverne Baxter, 236, beat Billy Hansen, 229, two falls to one; at Leichhardt (Sydney): Mayes McLain, 248, beat Mel Peters, 218, two falls to one; at Adelaide: Dutch Hefner, 230, beat Tommy Rice, 231, two falls to one.

Australia—Melbourne's Norm Gent, 137½, outboxed America's Negro, Eddie Hudson, 138¾, who kept coming at him for 12 rounds in Melbourne.

Hudson fought at a weight which suited him in his tactics of taking the fight to Gent, but the young Australian pricked him with his rapier-like left, scoring the necessary points for the victory. Hudson came to close quarters when he could, and it was then he met with a steady stream of searing rips from Gent.

Hudson went into a dervish dance in the final round, sweeping Gent backwards by his onslaught, but Gent took every opportunity to score on his opponent with beautiful boxing.

At Leichhardt, former middleweight champion of Australia, Jack Kirkham, 159, lost to Ern Jarvis, 155. Kirkham seemed to win nine of the twelve rounds and although Jarvis gave a grand exhibition of gameness, serious judges of boxing could not follow the decision in his favor.

Newcastle's Clem Sands, 147, got the referee's pat in a close fight in Brisbane with Alf Wells, 144. Sands went for Wells like a thrashing machine, but his flaying right met Wells' chin only a few times in the bout as Wells made his rapid exit from the target area. Wells did his best work with the straight left. There was not much to choose between the pair. A draw would have satisfied all parties.

Stadiums Ltd. gave a cheque for £500 to the widow of 20-year-old boxer John Rewan of Queensland, who died after being knocked out in a preliminary match in Brisbane, fighting under the name of Mick Lewis.

In Newcastle the promoter (Hughie Dwyer) resumed boxing matches with boxers supplied exclusively by the N. S. W. Boxers' and Wrestlers' Association. Ken Wenman, 127½, stopped Doc Wallace, 127½, in eight rounds, and Tommy Smith, 136, stopped Doug Tucker, 132, in seven rounds. Dwyer later announced that as attendances were so poor with only Association boxers filling the bill, he would close his Stadium altogether to boxing until the Association and the Australian Boxers' and Managers' Guild patch up their differences.

In Perth, Harry Jackson, 150, drew with Art Saxon, 146, over 12 rounds.

Wrestling—Brisbane: Sammy Stein, 222, beat Billy Hansen, 227, two falls to one in six rounds. Melbourne: Chief Little Wolf, 240, beat Laverne Baxter, 248, two falls to one. Sydney: Sammy Stein, 222, beat Tommy O'Toole, 239, two falls to one. Leichhardt (Sydney): Billy Hansen, 229, drew with Tom Rice, 231, one fall each. Adelaide: Mayes McLain, 239, beat Laverne Baxter, 250, who was disqualified after each had gained a fall. Chief Little Wolf's life disqualification by Sydney Stadium was revoked after consideration by the directors, and Little Wolf reappeared in a match with Stein which drew 10,000 fans.

## HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS
By COLIN FAULKNER

JEAN RICHARD, 124, youthful Montreal contender for the Canadian bantamweight crown, reversed a split decision on Dick Howard, 128½, 19-year-old miniature Sandow of Halifax, in the Forum here in the feature ten-rounder, July 9.

Mingled cheers greeted the 2-1 decision for Alvin Upshaw, 158, Halifax, over Ronald McNeil, 151½, Glace Bay, C. B., in the six-cantoed semi-final.

Joseph Tynes, 132½, decisioned another Halifax youth, Harold Hillier (Habby Hilliard), 132, in a four rounder.

In the curtain raiser Ossie Farrell, 158, muscular Negro mute, T.K.O.'ed Thomas Jeffries, 162, both of Halifax, in 1 minute 53 seconds of the fourth.

Harold Smith, brother of light-heavyweight Joe Smith, has opened a well-equipped boxing gymnasium on Cogswell Street in this city.

Recent arrivals in Halifax, N. S., for the wrestling wars include Joe Campbell, Sal Balbo, Al Le Clere, Bull Curry. Balbo and LaBelle, two speedy dropkickers, do most of their wrestling up in the air above the canvas; Bull Curry and Bull Montana do most of theirs down on the Arena floor.


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